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I have digital and other copies of most of the stories summarised.
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They also have detailed newspaper cuttings files on over 750 topics that have been compiled since the 1960s.

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News never stops but this file was finished on 31 August 2016.

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Mike Petty, Stretham

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1897 03 20

Mr Edwin Bays, architect, forwards particulars of a scheme for erecting a viaduct, with Bathing Sheds under, leading from the Trumpington Road, Cambridge, to Newnham. The proposed viaduct road would start from the Leys School grounds, Coe Fen, Newnham and terminating at Grantchester and Barton-roads. It will be necessary to construct two river and three road arches and it is intended to utilise one as a Swimming Bath for women, and the other two as dressing rooms

1897 05 01

Newnham Croft sewage, p2

1897 06 07

A good number of people are attending the fete on Midsummer Common. In that part of the enclosure nearest Maid's Causeway, shooting galleries, stalls, cocoanut shies and one of Thurston's steam roundabouts were gathered and kept matters lively. During the afternoon a fancy dress bicycle carnival took place, handsome prizes were awarded for the best costumes. The first prize for the ladies, a diamond and ruby crescent brooch, was awarded to Miss L. Unwin of Newnham who, with helmet, breastplate, shield and trident made a dignified Britannia. Miss Unwin will also receive the silver "King of the Road" lamp and baby bell given by the Humber Cycle Supply Co.

1897 06 21

Such has been the general progress during the Victorian era that it is difficult from the point of view of today to recall the Cambridge of 1837. In the year of her Majesty's accession but few houses stood on the marshy spot which we now know as the populous district of New Town. There were a few residents in Newnham and some scattered dwellings in the neighbourhood of New-square while beyond on the Newmarket-road lay Barnwell of historic note. Chesterton, as a part of Cambridge, was confined to the outgrowth of the town in the neighbourhood of Castle Hill and a plan of the town stops short at the Mill-road corner of Parker's Piece. In 1837 the population would be about 21,000. Recently it has been estimated at over 50,000.

1897 06 30

The Great Jubilee was successfully celebrated by the inhabitants of the village of Newnham amid every demonstration of loyalty and public rejoicing. The form of celebration chosen was a fete champetre held on Corpus Cricket Ground. Pinafores were given to a number of girls, and caps to boys; silver bangles were given to 12 older girls and to the old folks calico and flannel was presented. The evening's rejoicing were inaugurated by an excellent tea which included ham, beef, cakes, strawberries and cream, and buns and biscuits galore, about 200 persons partaking of the bountiful repast.

1897 07 02

Jubilee Old Chesterton, Newnham, p3

1897 08 02

Messrs Gain, Moyes and Wisbey offered for sale the Shakespeare Brewery, Newmarket-road, Cambridge and 15 freehold licensed inns, public houses and beerhouses. Lots commenced at £500 and rose rapidly - in the case of the Red Bull, Barton Road to £2,050. Other prices included The Shakespeare Brewery and Inn (£2,000), The Greyhound, Lt Wilbraham (£800), The Bakers' Arms, Fulbourn (£950), The Railway Inn, Harlton (£725) and The Cherry Tree beerhouse, Swaffham Fen (£600)

1898 03 04

Newnham Croft sewage, p2 *

1898 03 30

Newnham Croft stories, p3 *

1898 07 06

Mr Foster told a meeting in the parish room adjacent to St Mark's temporary Church, Newnham Croft, that he remembered hearing about 20 years ago, that it was seriously proposed that St Botolph's Church should be removed bodily and re-erected on the present site of Caius fellows' garden. The idea was not responded to and the consequence was that that part of Newnham was left without a place of worship, and eventually that Little St Mark's Church was erected. When he first came to that neighbourhood, 15 years ago, he remembered thinking what a poor, dilapidated place it was, and wondering how long they in that corner of Cambridge would have to worship there. But he had got to know St Mark's so well that he looked upon it now has a dear little place. They would all be sorry to have it removed but it was only a temporary building, and temporary buildings must give way to permanent ones.

1898 12 17

Mr Steven, vice principal of Newnham College Cambridge, in distributing the prizes at Kingston-on-Thames school for girls, said it was most undesirable, even in the highest classes, that more than an hour a day should be devoted by girls to home lessons. There were instances in which girls occupied far more time than was necessary over such work. In view of what has repeatedly been maintained respecting the prejudicial effect of over-study upon girls the statement of Miss Stevens, who speaks with a wide experience, is most important

1900 05 23

A period of nearly 30 years has elapsed since St Mark's church, a primitive wooden structure, was erected at Barton Road, Cambridge, to meet the needs of churchmen. Newnham is destined to become one of the principle residential districts & as the neighbourhood has gradually developed so the need of a permanent church has been the more keenly felt. The scheme which is now intended to carry out is but a part of a larger and more liberal one. The foundation stone now laid will only consist of the main parts of the nave and the north aisle and the extreme west end, and the south aisle will be left for future extensions. The new church will provide for a congregation numbering about 300. 1900 08 30 We deeply regret to announce the death of Dr Henry Sidgwick, until recently Professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of Cambridge. Though he was at some slight disadvantage in the matter of enunciation his lectures were unusually attractive and even eloquent. He married Eleanor Balfour, sister of the Rt Hon Arthur James Balfour, the present Leader of the House of Commons. She rendered great assistance in the organisation of Newnham College, being appointed principal in 1892. Her husband resided with her at Newnham and took much interest from the first in the foundation and development of the college. With his death the country loses one of the clearest thinkers that the later half of the 19th century had produced.

1901 04 26

The new church of St Mark, Newnham, built to supersede the structure that had done duty for so many years was consecrated by the Bishop of Ely. The Master of Corpus said that in the new church they had visible proof of the continuity of the Church of God and that the gates of hell should not prevail against them; it was a visible link in a long chain of God's claim on the adoration and service of mankind.

1901 06 11

There has been no abatement in the interest displayed in this year's Mathematical tripos at Cambridge University. There were 73 male candidates and of these no fewer than 27 are directly interested in sport. Women started well with one of their number taking a high place in part one while in part two Miss Hudson of Newnham equalled the highest achievement of any man

1902 07 16

Sir – if Cambridge and Chesterton are excluded from the County Council it will become a superfluous organisation whose few remaining functions could well be carried out by the Rural Councils. The loss of revenue would impose upon the rural districts a burden which would be simply crushing. What would Cambridge gain – nothing unless it is made a County Borough. But with the population of Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and Newnham Croft added Cambridge would still be short of the 50,000 requisite to form a County Borough – John Bester

1903 04 18

All the arguments in favour of converting Cambridge into a County Borough having failed some councillors have threatened to petition for an extension to the town's boundaries so as to include not only Chesterton but Newnham Croft and St John's, Cherry Hinton as well. To silence opposition they have threatened that all children from these districts attending schools in Cambridge will have to be turned out to seek education under their own authority. This has confirmed the opponents in their opposition and alienated the sympathies of supporters. Fortunately nobody is likely to be frightened by such pusillanimous threats.

1903 05 07

While excavating in Grange Road, Cambridge, some workmen who were digging a trench for drainage purposes came across a skeleton of great age, but in a perfect state of preservation. Behind the skull was a small vessel of yellow ware, with a handle. Messrs Coulson and Lofts had the remains carefully uncovered. Other remains, including a stone coffin and brooches have been found in the adjoining area and confirm the date as late Roman. It is hoped the remains will be removed exactly as found and placed in a glass case at the Archaeological Museum.

1903 06 27

Clare road repairs, p4

1904 09 15

A poorly-attended council meeting considered an offer from the Cambridge Electric Tramways Syndicate to electrify and extend the present tramway system. The overhead trolley system for running the cars would not to be employed in King's Parade without the consent of the council. But consultants say that the existing lines in Kings Parade should be abandoned & they cannot recommend new lines in the town centre because the narrowness of the streets would generate great opposition from residents. A new line should be laid in Silver Street but this is so narrow that the trams would take their turn with ordinary road traffic and keep to the left. There may be some objection to a track down Queens Road which has the character of a boulevard but this would not be disturbed by the working of the tramways. The busiest section would be Hills Road where trams would run at about 2½ minute intervals

1904 12 20

For the last three days the thermometer has been registering eleven degrees of frost; should it hold the professional skating race open to all the world for the Littleport Fifty Guineas Challenge Cup will take place. It is imperative that skaters all over the country should receive due notice; once the amateur champion, W. Housden of Wicken Fen, did not hear and was unable to defend his title. There is already a fine sheet of ice on Lingay Fen but it is doubtful if the public will be allowed on it for a few days. Sheets of ice promise to be ready for use at Newnham shortly & 1904 12 24

1905 01 27

Skating would have been quite possible on the Electric Light Ground, Newnham, today had not some evilly disposed person drawn the water from the ground the other evening. The work was done with a care and thoroughness worthy of a better cause. The bank of the ditch which runs from the river to the pump was cut through and so great a fall allowed that the whole of the water on the ground was drained away. Two ladies heard somebody at work on the bank but imagined it was the proprietor and

paid little heed. In addition to the annoyance caused the proprietor has suffered a considerable financial hardship. 05 01 27a

1905 03 10

A company is being formed to provide a service of motor 'buses for Cambridge. Eight 'buses will be put down at first by which it is hoped to run a 15 minutes' service from Chesterton, another from the Huntingdon road district to the centre of town and a seven minutes' service to the railway station. Should the venture prove successful the more outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton will be catered for 05 03 10

1905 04 08

The Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company has been formed. It is nowadays essential for the business of the town to have a convenient and quick means of transit and the omnibuses will be appreciated by the public and become a source of income to the shareholders. With eight vehicles it will be quite easy to maintain a 15-minute service from Chesterton and the Huntingdon Road to the centre of town and a seven-minute service to the railway station. Should these prove successful it will be extended to outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton. There is little doubt that horse traction for omnibuses and tramcars will shortly be superseded by petrol and electricity. 05 04 08a

1905 10 05

Grantchester Road fire

1905 10 06

Selwyn Road, p4

1905 10 26

Cambridge councillors discussed an alternative route from Madingley Road to the Cattle Market by constructing a road from Barton Road over the river by Newnham Mill Pit and along Coe Fen Lane to Trumpington Road. Two bridges would have to be erected and the Leys School would give up a strip of land. But there was no argument in favour of making a winding lane into a straight road unless it was for traffic. It was a bad system to introduce a big scheme piecemeal and commit the council first by one step and then another. 05 10 26b

1906 01 06

Last night's gale was one of the most severe within living memory. Great damage was done all over Cambridge. On Newmarket Road a tall chimney at the brickworks began to sway violently and then fell with a tremendous crash. The large trees at the Backs suffered considerably; five were uprooted and blown into Queens Road. During the morning numbers of poor people were busily engaged in taking away the portions they could carry for firewood. Two children took away a branch of considerable weight using a pair of wheels taken from a perambulator 06 01 06d-e

1906 01 13

When the election meeting at Newnham concluded the candidate's carriage was drawn to the Conservative Club followed by a procession which included a couple of motor buses. Just as it reached Cambridge Market Hill a similar procession of demonstrating Liberals poured out of Petty Cury. These two bodies of citizens conceived an intense dislike for each other, shouting vigorously. A little later there was an exhibition of fisticuffs in Sidney Street 06 01 13

1906 07 12

Any clerk or artisan with £25 can become the owner of a well-built convenient house just outside the borough boundary in Grantchester within ten minutes' walk of Market Hill. The houses contain eight good rooms with bathroom, two w.c.s and nice garden. Gas and water laid on. The price is £250 and the balance can be spread over any number of years to suit the purchaser's convenience – E. Parcell & co., Builders, Newnham – advert. 06 07 12a

1906 10 19

Eltisley Ave & Cowper Road dedicated, p3

1907 01 15

When Parliament re-assembles there will be a stupendous effort on behalf of the enfranchisement of women. A canvass is being organised in Cambridge which already includes the heads and staffs of Newnham and Girton Colleges and the Secondary Training Colleges for Women. Small informal drawing-room meetings are being held and addresses on suffrage given to meetings of the Women's Liberal Association and the Co-operative Women's Guild. 07 01 15b

1907 01 18

Residents of Newnham Croft complained that the parish road leading to the University Bathing Shed meadows was narrower than the 20ft specified on the Enclosure Award. The meadows and garden alongside were now being turned into a large building estate and it was important the road be defined to stop houses being erected on parish land. 07 01 18b

1907 03 18

A movement is on foot amongst English Roman Catholics to establish a college for women, on the lines of Girton or Newnham, at the University. The leader is Miss Eleanor Warner who recently visited the Catholic Convent in Bateman Street. She is now in Rome for a meeting with the Pope. Opinion is strongly favourable and that Cambridge may soon see an addition to her institutions. 07 03 18a

1907 06 11

Some disappointment has been occasioned by the moderate success of women mathematicians this year. Only ten sat for the Tripos and Miss Eva Smith of Newnham is the only wrangler. The highest position ever attained by a woman was in 1890 when Miss Fawcett, daughter of the former blind Postmaster-General, was placed above the Senior Wrangler – G.T. Bennett, Fellow of Emmanuel College.

1907 07 25

Dr Edward John Routh, was the most famous mathematical coach of his day. He coached 27 Senior Wranglers, 41 Smith's Prizemen, and over 500 Wranglers and was the author of numerous works on statics and dynamics. He died at Newnham Cottage, Queen's Road leaving an estate valued at more than £80,620.

1907 10 01

Ever since the Cambridge University Rugby Football ground was acquired in Grange Road ten years ago, the absence of dressing rooms has been a problem. When famous clubs like the 'Springboks' and 'All Blacks' visited they had to change in the cottage at the corner of the ground. Now the new pavilion contains showers, lavatories and kitchens with a stand for 200 people. The old roofless wooden stand, long regarded as an eyesore, has been moved to the opposite side of the ground - 07 10 10

1907 10 11

St Mark's church, Newnham Croft, presented a scene of unwonted beauty and impressiveness when a large congregation assembled to witness the dedication of the new organ. It will meet a need which has been long felt, the harmonium being quite inadequate to lead the singing. The organ was built by Messrs Norman and Beard, is a two manual with 11 stops and cost £276. - 07 10 11

1907 12 14

Cambridge Gas Light Company told a meeting in St Mark's parish room that they would erect street columns, lanterns and piping, ready for lighting in any street in Newnham where the mains were laid and also lay mains in King's Road and Selwyn Road. They would keep lights burning all night for £2

12s 3d per lamp, including gas, lighting and extinguishing them, maintaining mantles and keeping the lamps clean and in repair. - 07 12 14c

1908 03 13

E. Wareham Harry was Cambridge Borough Surveyor for the past 20 years. In the repair of 50 miles of sewer trenches and the laying of miles of concrete paving he did work which deserves well of the town. When he came the roads were in an indifferent condition, many without any foundation while others were merely coated with gravel. Now all the Macadam roads have been coated with granite. His efficiency was impaired by an attack of influenza and he died at his residence in Selwyn Gardens.
08 03 13

1908 03 14

Undergraduates climb Backs trees, roped together in Alpine fashion - 08 03 14

1908 06 05

There has been an Alpine fever amongst undergraduates, finding a vent in climbing trees along the Backs. The wireless telegraphy station on the Huntingdon Road has been the site of the latest exploit. This is a pole over 200 feet in height which receives messages from Cumnor Hill near Oxford. Two undergraduates merrily commenced the ascent by means of the metal spikes driven in at convenient intervals and managed to reach the top. But the return voyage was not so easily accomplished and they reached terra firma with a distinct sigh of relief. It is a matter for common wonder what object will next receive the attention of this strange species. CWN 08 06 05 p5

1908 06 19

The greatest demonstration that woman has yet made of her desire for the suffrage was the gigantic procession through the streets of London to the Albert Hall. Ten thousand strong, it comprised almost every class: lady doctors marched with factory girls, famous lady novelists and domestic servants. Cambridge played an active part: about 130 ladies joined in, including Mrs Heitland, Mrs Ward and Mrs Rackham bearing a splendid blue silk banner with in gold lettering 'Cambridge Women's Suffrage Association, founded 1883'. At the Albert Hall both Newnham and Girton colleges took a box, many ladies attired in academic dress. 08 06 19 p2 08 06 19 p2

1908 08 29

The improvement makes a fine approach to the town from the Madingley Road, but one sincerely hopes that now the obvious danger of the corner has been removed, cyclists and others will not forget that the narrowness of the street remains none the less real. The larger portion of the traffic comes from Chesterton Lane and until the opposite corner has received the attention of the road-layer the improvement can hardly be regarded as complete. The great activity sadly disturbed the 'work-shys' who are wont to congregate at the corner for the purpose of holding up the wall. It was a delightful sight to see these groups huddling together, trying to snatch a snooze in the midst of all the clanging clamour of swinging hammers and picks. Now the road is to some extent open the human house-props are found at their usual haunts, though considerable indignation prevails among the more energetic.

1909 02 12

Cambridge Police has a special staff of men employed in looking after unoccupied houses. The intending burglar who usually watches the policeman on his beat pass the empty property he intends to break into cannot now know when he may be dropped upon. Last year 802 residents used the service and except for one house in Madingley Road, where the gates were locked and police unable to obtain access, there has been no robbery from an unoccupied house of which they have been given notice. CWN 09 02 12

1909 02 19

Complaints had been made about cyclists and horses being ridden on the footpath from Burrell's Walk to Coton. Part of the footpath known as Love Lane was now merged in Adams Road where it had been converted into a carriage way. But if cyclists were allowed to use it why not a carriage and pair? A tricycle would completely impede a pedestrian, magistrates were told at the first prosecution of a cyclist for riding on the footpath. 09 02 19

1909 03 05

An inquest was held into the death of a domestic servant at a private residence in Grantchester Meadows. She had been standing in front of the fire in a newly-starched dress when it burst into flames. Her employer, a private tutor, wrapped her in a rug and telephoned for the doctor but she was extensively burnt and despite the services of two trained nurses the woman died. 09 03 05

1909 03 26

The proposed extension of Grantchester churchyard provoked debate. There was unoccupied ground in the old churchyard which could be used. But this might be the graves of poor people who had been unable to provide a stone. Newnham Croft was expanding more and more and it was undesirable that the burial ground of this increasing population should be in the centre of the village. It would become one of the great cemeteries of the University town. CWN 09 03 26

1909 05 07

A number of undergraduates played havoc with the meeting of the Cambridge Association for Women's Suffrage. The Corn Exchange has a seating capacity of about 1,500 but by utilising the farmers' desks and standing in every available space, an audience of 2,000 listened to – or interrupted – the arguments. Quite 80 per cent of the meeting was composed of women, of whom Newnham and Girton contributed a considerable quota. But it was the minority whose increasingly violent disruptions caused the meeting to break up in a disorderly manner, though not before the resolutions had been carried by a large majority. 09 05 07

1909 09 17

A new religious house has been founded at Cambridge. It will have no official connection with the University and be used for serious study. Its head is Father Waggett who gave a series of lectures which attracted considerable attention. The house in Malting Lane is a beautiful structure whose deeds date back to the time of Charles I. Its delightful old-world garden of nearly two acres would permit of ample additions in future years. CWN 09 09 17

1910 05 13

On a certain day 49 years ago several undergraduates while walking along the Madingley Road were overtaken by a heavy rainstorm. They were not provided with any protection against such weather and there was every likelihood they would be thoroughly drenched. An old lady living in one of the brick-built cottages noticed their plight and they gladly took the opportunity to wait in her dwelling until the violence of the storm had abated. Before they left the kindly old dame insisted upon one of the young men accepting the loan of her umbrella. It was returned the next day with a substantial gift in recognition of her kindness. That undergraduate afterwards became King Edward VII 10 05 13h

1910 07 22

Fire broke out at Great Dumpling's Farm, Barton. A cyclist gave the alarm at the Ridley Hall post and a section of the Cambridge brigade under the command of Capt Greef soon had the flames under control. Farming implements including a self-binder, chaff-cutter and elevator were damaged. PC Evans saw two boys running away; he caught one who admitted they'd been playing with matches near some straw on the farm 10 07 22a

1910 10 21

PC Keep, stationed at Newnham Croft, was on duty near the Hat and Feathers when he saw a pony attached to a governess cart lying in the road in a very exhausted state. It was very poor, nothing but a

bag of bones and totally unfit to walk along the road alone. He put it in a meadow where it staggered about and the owner went away leaving the trap in the middle of the road. The man said he'd intended to work it until he was stopped. Now he would have it killed. 10 10 21

1911 04 07

Cambridge advocates of women's suffrage decided to protest against legislation without representation. A number of people of well-known name and position in the University and town spent the night at the houses of suffragists who had decided to defy the Census and not fill in their papers. One of these was Mrs Vulliamy of Maitland House, Barton Road who is on the Executive Committee of the Women's Freedom League. She wrote across her paper 'No vote, no Census' and entertained a house full of ladies. 11 04 07a

1911 05 12

The camp of the Loyal Suffolk Hussars Regiment of Yeomanry has been pitched in Grantchester Meadows and already the greater part of the canvas village has been erected and presents a very picturesque appearance. There is a large marquee where men will take their meals and portable wooden buildings for the officers' mess. But it is a long walk into Cambridge and local motor-bus and taxi-cab proprietors and waggonette and cab proprietors might find it worth their while to run a service. There will be something like 500 men in camp and many who will gladly pay to be taken in to town for the evening. 11 05 12h

1911 05 26

Sir Robert Baden-Powell inspected 500 Boy Scouts at a grand rally in Grange Road. The assembly was one of the most remarkable that has ever taken place in Cambridge, certainly nothing like it has ever been seen in the locality before. 'B.P.' has set in motion a mighty engine. Like an electric train it has gathered way with amazing swiftness and desolate is the place that has not heard the call of the Boy Scout engaged in an errand such seeking some lost child or succouring someone in danger or distress. 11 05 26b-d

1912 01 26

The long-sustained wet weather and recent snowfall have brought serious floods. Rising waters have caused the stoppage of the chain ferries to Chesterton, the towing path under Victoria Bridge was submerged and meadows between Grantchester and Newnham are under water. A ride on the Great Eastern Railway from Huntingdon to Cambridge presents a view of an immense lake studded with trees and the large Portholme Meadow is under water to a considerable depth. At St Ives basements in Bridge Terrace and kitchens at Filbert's Walk are flooded. 12 01 26b

1912 06 07

Spring Close, Burwell, which includes the site of Burwell Castle which was held for King Stephen against the rebellious Mandeville, will be offered for sale by auction. It should be purchased by the Parish Council and preserved as an open space to remind future generations of the part played by the village in the history of England in the days when High Town was a Norman residence and Newnham a Saxon village, when the church stood where the boys' school now stands and the dead were buried where schoolboys now cultivate their beds of garden. Should the cost – about £500 – be too great the council should ensure the site is preserved from any interference 12 06 07o

1912 08 09

A new scheme for relieving the traffic in Silver Street recommends a new road and bridge connecting to Coe Fen Lane, passing on the east side of the old mill and along the wall of Peterhouse at a total cost of £14,246 (£1.3m today). The Corporation had purchased Mr Foster's mill. It was at present broken down and would never be used as a mill again. But there was a strong feeling against a road across Coe Fen and Sheep's Green; it ought to be more in line with Mill Lane. An alternative would take a road from Barton Road corner to Belvoir Terrace but this would destroy the bathing place. However some councillors said the congestion had been greatly exaggerated and there was no urgent need at present. 12 08 09c & d

1912 09 27

Councillors debated the proposed scheme for relieving traffic in Silver Street. A bridge from Silver Street to Mill Lane with one road across Coe Fen and another taking traffic from Newnham Croft to the Station would be a very large expenditure and ruin Sheep's Green, one of the most delightful bits of country in the town. The problem could be adequately met by widening Laundress Lane from Silver Street to Mill Lane and diverting the traffic in that direction. 12 09 27b & c

1912 10 04

Brooklands Avenue residents happy to repair road once council makes decision about scheme for including it as part of a thoroughfare from Newnham Croft to Hills Road - 12 10 04b

1912 11 01

The new vestry at St Mark's Church, Newnham Croft, given by Mr & Mrs C.F. Foster in memory of their two sons, was dedicated. The vestry, which is the work of Mr W. Sindall, is built with ordinary red brick and stone, with oak wood. It is partitioned off with a moveable screen allowing the choir to use one side and the clergy the other. A heating chamber is situated beneath it. The architects were Mess James, Laycock and Bellamy of London. 12 11 01g

1912 11 08

It was one of the noisiest 'rags' seen for some years, for the introduction of a variety of bomb-firework, which gives a report louder than a rifle shot, more than compensated for the fewer Varsity men than usual. The liveliest scene occurred in King Street where the crowd were attracted by the sight of the hoarding outside the partly-demolished Hobson Street Chapel. Instead they turned their attention array of woodwork in connection with the building of the new Wesleyan Chapel near Christ's Pieces, but this was strongly guarded by police. Another battle broke out in Grange Road where some 400 undergraduates damaged the fence around Mr Ebenezer Smith's garden. 12 11 08a & b

1913 01 03

P.C. John Wallage heard a noise in St John's college garden, looked over the hedge and saw the prisoner pulling up beetroot and putting them in a sack. The man ran off down Madingley Road. When caught he used very bad language and threatened to 'bash his brains out' and shoot him. The language woke a gardener living 100 yards away. Frederick Hutt, gardener at St John's College found the place where some beetroot had been growing: they were very similar to the ones in the sack. The thief was fined ten shillings 11 09 15b New Cambridge Knight. Among the new knights (in the New Year Honours List) appears the name of Hr. Francis Darwin, D.Sc., M.B., F.R.S. of 10, Madingley Road, Cambridge, and Hon. Fellow of Christ's College. Sir Francis, to whom heartiest congratulations will be extended on all hands, is the third son of the late Professor Charles Darwin, and is in his 65th year. 13 01 03

1913 03 07

Mrs Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragists addressed a meeting at the Blue Boar Hotel. A gramophone in the window of an undergraduate's room was playing the Dead March as she entered the hotel but there was no demonstration. A vigorous anti-suffrage campaign has also been conducted with meetings at Newnham Croft and Fen Ditton disagreeing with votes for women. If women ever sat in Parliament they would insist on a debate on the flannelette question before consideration of foreign policy. 13 03 07 p4

1913 03 14

Newnham Croft proposed school

1913 04 25

Suffragette outrage – tries burn down tree on Backs?

1913 05 09

Student drowned ‘shooting the rapids’ in Newnham Mill Pit *

1913 05 09

Ridley Hall thefts

1913 05 16

Ridley Hall thefts

1913 05 16

The bridge over the brook at Burrell’s Walk should be replaced with one a foot higher so as to prevent it being covered with water in time of flood. A post should be placed at each end to compel cyclists who rode over it to do so at a moderate pace, councillors heard. But this was a waste of money: it only flooded once every five years and it was only a short diversion to come down by the tennis court. The scheme was dropped. 12 03 01a Motor Cars Act, 1903. Cambridge Borough Council have made application for a regulation to be made under the act to prohibit the driving or motor bicycles in Senate House Passage, Garret Hostel Lane & Burrell’s Walk 13 05 16 p6

1913 06 13

Corporation to enlarge Guildhall while County Borough question unsettled – opposition; Lammas Land should be made into Newnham recreation ground 13 06 13 p7

1913 07 04

Newnham Croft school plans

1913 09 05

Guildhall extension ratepayer’s opposition – any money spent on libraries should provide reading rooms for Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and Newnham: when a man got home from business he doesn’t feel inclined to walk down to the town again – if you look into the Mill Road reading room at night you will see how much it is appreciated. 13 09 05 p5

1913 11 14

Suffrage meeting at Malting House, Newnham

1913 11 21

Newnham college new Fellows and scholars

1914 01 16

R. Hamer Towgood, leading agriculturalist & paper maker; Marion Grace Kennedy, Newnham College founder – obituaries – 14 01 16e

1914 01 30

High January rainfall adds pressure on pumping station; adoption of gas stoves has led to smaller proportion of ashes in the refuse during summer months, Newnham Walk may be made up, possible Chesterton carriage bridge – 14 01 30c

1914 05 29

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A May Morris and Country Festival opened in the grounds of ‘Elterholm’, Madingley Road. A display of country dances was given by Miss Kerley’s classes and tea served. A fine rain fell during the entertainment but a large audience sitting with umbrellas and raincoats buttoned to the chin seemed to appreciate the dances and music. The babies dancing ‘Hot Cockles’ were loudly applauded and the orchestra, under Miss Fletcher, did yeoman service from the kindly shelter of a tree 14 05 29b

1914 05 29

The work of Suffrage Societies in the Eastern Federation has grown so much that reorganisation is needed. The Hon Sec for Cambridgeshire is Mrs Heitland, who with Miss Garlick as organiser is arranging meetings in North Cambs villages represented in Parliament by an anti-suffragist, the Hon. Neil Primrose. At Chatteris the Picture Palace was filled with other meetings in Whittlesey & Wisbech. Two ardent Cambridge suffragists, Miss Ida Freud, later lecture at Newnham College and Miss Smith of Hills Road, are much missed. Nine labourers were fined for disturbing a meeting at St Neots by shouting, dancing and singing. 14 05 29c

1914 06 19

An Inquiry was held into council proposals to borrow money to purchase a recreation ground in Newnham. It was Lammas Land where people had common rights to pasture a cow between August and April. At present it was being used for cricket, football and golf. There was no golf course, play being with a club and ball. But they had no business there which is why it should become a recreation ground giving access to the whole of the river. At present the lands belonged to colleges and others and were fenced only by hedges 14 06 19 p10

1914 06 19

If Chaucer Road was a newly-made road the council would not allow the owners to build until they had made the road up to the required standard. But if the residents wanted to keep the road private and did not want water and the other benefits of civilisation they had a right to keep as they were, one councillor said. Owners had petitioned against council plans to have the road made up. But in Grange Road, Brooklands Avenue and Selwyn Gardens householders had paid and it was unfair to treat one set of ratepayers differently from another 14 06 19 p3

1914 06 19

OTC military tournament, Parade Ground, Grange Road p3

1914 07 10

Cambridge Voluntary Aid Detachments and Red Cross held an exercise at Newnham College. It assumed severe fighting had been going on in Norfolk and a large number of casualties had been sent to the First Eastern General Hospital. When another train load of wounded arrived they received orders to convert Sidgwick Hall into a temporary hospital where eleven beds were provided and patients were treated for crushed hands and fractured tibia. Other nurses were prepared splints and bandages and a sceptic ward was set up 14 07 10 p4

1914 08 28

Cambridge people are adding to the comfort of the soldiers encamped here. A refreshment tent has been set up for the artillerymen on the Polo Ground at Trumpington with another on Mr Matthew's meadow, Cherry Hinton Road. The Church Institute allows soldiers the use of their billiard table. There is a reading room in the Newnham School for the camp on Lammas Ground and a games room at the Prospect Church in Eden Street with writing material and picture postcards. Many socks for soldiers are being taken to the small striped tent on Midsummer Common and shirts would also be appreciated

1914 09 04

Cambridge is one of the principal base hospitals to which the brave men wounded at Mons have been brought, 150 are now being cared for at King's College, to which the First Eastern General Hospital has been transferred from the Leys School. They include a Cambridge man, Leonard Cornwell of Gwydir Street, who was the very last to be placed in the train. So within a month of his departure he is back in his own town bearing marks of the terrible conflict. 14 09 04

1914 09 04

The train with wounded from the front was delayed. Rooms on the Great Northern platform were converted into wards for serious cases before being taken to hospital. Outside a fleet of motor cars and

tradesmen's vans converted to ambulances were ready to take the men to the First Eastern Hospital now at Trinity College. It was not easy to lift the badly-wounded men out of the carriages but stretchers were placed on luggage trolleys and wheeled slowly along the platform. There were tears in the eyes of onlookers 14 09 04 p7

1914 09 25

Hat & Feathers Barton Rd disturbance

1914 09 25

A complete military hospital to accommodate 520 patients is to be built on college playing fields, Burrell's Walk. The hospital has to be completed within a month – indeed a considerable part is required within a fortnight so that the present hospital at Trinity College may be vacated before term commences. It will comprise of five wards with 100 beds in each, a supply block, operating theatre, mortuary kitchens etc. This means working at top pressure, night and day. When complete it will be one of the largest of its kind,

1914 09 25

Belgians arrive, Newnham – Baroness von Hugel

1914 10 09

Mayoralty. Councillor William Luard Raynes, of West Point, Adams Road, a partner of the firm of Messrs. Eaden, Spearing and Raynes, has been offered and has accepted the Mayoralty of the Borough. The invitation to succeed Mr. J. A. Sturton in the Chief Magistracy of Cambridge was extended to Mr. Raynes on Wednesday at a meeting of the Conservative members of the Corporation, with whom the choice this year, in accordance with the agreement arrived at between the two political parties, rested. Mr. Raynes having accepted the invitation, his nomination will be submitted to the Liberal members; there is not the least likelihood of any opposition on their part. Mr. Raynes, an M.A. of Cambridge University, has an intimate knowledge of a wide range of subjects, and is an authority on financial matters, and the present sound financial basis of the Corporation's investments are a striking, tribute to his efforts. Few members of the Corporation worked harder in connection with Town's application for County Borough powers than Mr. Raynes, who was one of the witnesses to give evidence before the House of Commons Select Committee. 14 10 09

1914 10 16

Ridley Hall chapel extension & memorial windows opened

1914 10 23

More Wounded Arrive. A Great Western Red Cross train arrived at Cambridge on Monday evening with a number of wounded soldiers from the front, including many men of the 6th Division, who were recently at Cambridge. There were 174 patients, including 33 cot cases, and 156 of the men were taken to the 1st Eastern General Hospital in Burrell's Walk, and the remainder to the Research Hospital, Hills Road. 14 10 23

1914 11 13

Mrs Hinson of Merton Street has received from a photograph of her husband's grave at Angers, France, together with a translation of the speech delivered over the graves of the English soldiers who lie buried there. They were sent by Major Stoney Archer's wife who enclosed a very kind letter expressing deepest sympathy. The hospital in which he was treated is beautifully equipped and he received the best of care and nursing. It is such kindly actions which make our British officers beloved by their men and which cements the good feeling between all classes in this country.

1914 11 13

Corp. H. Simpson of the 6th Division of the Royal Field Artillery who were in tents on Midsummer Common writes: When I was in Cambridge growling because we were kept in England I did not realise how terrible war was. I think that nearly a quarter of the men that were at Cambridge are either

killed or wounded. Capt Scholey writes to Mr Dockrill of Marlowe Road: A great number of those where on the Meadows have been killed or wounded while Pte Layfield, writing to Miss Smart, asks for a bit of home-made cake

1914 11 20

Another trainload of wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge station. Owing to the inclement weather and having to remain for hours at a stretch up to their waist in water in the trenches, many of the men had to be invalided home suffering from rheumatism. The new wards at the Military Hospital in Burrell's Walk are practically completed and at present there are about 900 wounded soldiers receiving treatment there. 14 11 20

1914 11 20

Mr E.E. Paine of Derby Street has received a letter from Pte Hutchins of the Royal Engineers: "We have put up many miles of barbed wire in front of our trenches and after the Germans have charged during the night the morning shows their bodies hanging on the wire like clothes left out to dry. I have seen many German prisoners and wounded and they all appear to be 16 to 18 years of age or else very old men"

1914 11 27

The Hospitality Committee for Belgian refugees has equipped four houses in which 55 refugees have been accommodated. They are 'Scotsdale' on Grantchester Rd where a Flemish priest has been lodged with nine members of his family and 'South House' Barton Road which houses 14 members of doctor's family. A young lace maker and a family of eight from Louvain lodges at No.4 West View Newnham while at |No.11 Brookside there are 22 refugees from Malines and Ostend. In Regent Street a studio has been converted into a fair-sized reading room where Dutch, French and English papers are supplied. * & p5

1915 09 10

St Mark's roll of honour

1915 09 24

Chedworth Street School to be named Newnham Croft

1915 10 27

Newnham Croft school opening – photo – 15 10 27b

1916 01 15

Service of intercession, Gt St Mary's: Mayor, Dr Alex Wood, with umbrella inspects V.A.D.'s attached to St Chad's and Wordsworth Grove Red Cross Hospital sand lines of Red Cross and troops on Senate House Hill – photo - 16 01 05b

1916 01 28

Wordsworth Grove Hospital new recreation room opened – 16 01 26a

1916 03 08

Wordsworth Grove VAD Hospital – photo feature – 16 03 08d

1916 04 12

Funeral of wife of Lieut J. Leach, VC, 13 Fulbrooke Road – 16 04 12a; photo - 16 04 19b

1916 04 26

Rookeries. The rookeries in Cambridge have been a good deal upset by the recent gales. Trees, which for generations have yearly been occupied by rooks, have been blown down, and some of the college grounds most frequented by them are now almost deserted, the silence being I most remarkable to those accustomed to the "cawing" of the sable birds. This is particularly noticeable at St. John's,

formerly one of the most favourable nesting centres, and generally at the Backs there are fewer nests than usual. death Alfred Paget Humphry, deputy Lieutenant ... fame as a rifle shot; fired from tower of Pitt Press aiming at the targets on University range at Backs of colleges; won Queen's Prize at Wimbledon; represented England etc 16 10 11a

1916 07 12

Big Push Casualties - there was a long list of casualties or local men as result of the Big Push, which is now progressing so satisfactorily. Large numbers of wounded have arrived at the First Eastern Hospital—as many as 460 reached Cambridge in two days—and a number of medical officers have left the hospital for service at a daughter hospital in Egypt 16 07 12

1916 08 09

King private visit, few aware, to inspect the various military units in the town and to visit the 1st Eastern General Hospital. He evinced the keenest interest in everything he saw at the hospital, and stayed for a moment or so by the side of many a wounded hero. They stay in Cambridge lasted exactly 2 ¾ hours. His Majesty was in khaki, and looked fit and well 16 08 09

1916 09 13

Vicar of Impington Resigns. During the afternoon service at Impington Parish Church on Sunday, the Vicar (the Rev. Dennis Hall) announced that the harvest festival would be held on the last Sunday in this month, and owing to the lighting restrictions, it would be held in the afternoon. He trusted the church would be decorated in the same manner this year as in past years. On this occasion, the Vicar said, it would be the last time he would occupy that pulpit as their Vicar. The Rev. Dennis Hall, who resides at Newnham, Cambridge, has been Vicar of Impington since 1882. He was formerly curate of Stow-cum-Quy. He is Honorary Assistant Under Librarian of the Cambridge University Library. A very good amateur carpenter, one of the first things Mr. Hall did at Impington was to buy a small organ from a parish church in Leicestershire, enlarge it, and fit it up in the church entirely by himself. He has evinced a keen interest in music, and himself possessed a fine tenor voice. The living is in the gift of the Archdeacon of Ely. 16 09 13

1916 12 27

Christmas at Cambridge; wounded colonial soldiers book beds for next year; includes Huntley Red Cross Hospital , Wordsworth Grove VAD & Serbian boy refugees – 16 12 27c

1917 01 31

Skating at Newnham – photo feature – 17 01 31a

1917 02 28

County Schoolboys stake out allotments on land of Barton Road, originally Queens' College Cricket Ground – photo feature – 17 02 28c

1917 04 04

A Drastic Resolution. The following resolution has been passed by the Allotments Subcommittee for Newnham and Castle End: "That inasmuch as they have received 50 applications for allotments, which they are unable to satisfy, they beg to re-quest the Town Council to break up the Lammas Land at Newnham without delay, viz., without waiting for formal authority from any higher authority". As a result the Borough Member is to be asked to interview the Authorities of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries with regard to the application of the committee for permission to use the Lammas Land and Empty Common for allotments. – 17 04 04

1917 12 26

Consecration of Church. There was a large congregation at St. Mark's Church, Newnham on Thursday afternoon when the Bishop of Ely consecrated the building as a chapel of ease to Grantchester, 17 12 26

1918 01 16

Fun on the ice photos: skating at Newnham - 18 01 16b

1918 01 30

Floods. The severe weather and the thaw of last week has had further detrimental effects upon the trees at the Backs of the Colleges and our riverside walks (says the writer of Town and Country Topics). Many old familiar arboreal friends have been dismembered, notably the veteran weeping willow on the south-west side of Trinity College Bridge. The floods which followed the thaw rose to a considerable height and considerable damage is now seen to have been done to the river banks at Sheep's Green. Part of the trouble here is said to have been caused through the flood gates at the Apron being out of repair, and a casual inspection shows them, to be in a very dilapidated condition. The condition of the streets this weekend has been deplorable, presumably owing to the shortage of labour and haulage, but an improvement is now being effected. We hear rumours of further demands from labour, which appear to be due to the irresponsible way in which workpeople are being attracted to some new enterprise. We think that representations should be made to the Government as to the mischief that is being done and a more rational system introduced 1920 05 12

1918 03 27

Wordsworth Grove Hospital use Newnham gymnasium for massage and electrical department – photos – 18 03 27f

1918 10 16

Queen and Princess Mary visit First Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge where the Queen, evidently recognising the difficulties which beset a photographer owing to the bad climate conditions, at her own request stood for a few moments to enable him to secure a snapshot. 18 10 16

1918 12 11

40 cases a day. Wordsworth Grove Hospital, Cambridge, has been fortunate in having the Newnham gymnasium lent to them for their massage and electrical department, a large, airy bright building where between 30 and 40 cases a day are treated—men in hospital in the mornings, and out-patients and discharged soldiers in the afternoons from Swavesey, Newton, Harston, Duxford and outlying villages. The treatments are massage, galvanism and Faradism, radiant heat, hot air and ionisations and exercise. The work here, as in all other Red Cross Hospitals in the county, is carried on under the supervision of Miss Laven, who has been untiring in her efforts on behalf of the wounded ever since the outbreak of war.

1919 02 12

Skating at Newnham – photos – 19 02 12f

1919 02 19

Floods highest since 1879; homes inundated Riverside & Newnham, parapet of house in Parker St collapses – 19 02 19a

1919 03 05

Oxygen treatment for gas poisoning, specially erected chambers at 'Springfield', Sidgwick Avenue in connection EGH. Research started in Physiological Laboratories early in 1917 under Joseph Barcroft who made Superintendent in Physiology to Ministry of Munitions. Thirty cases have been treated. Requires exercise and physical training in spacious grounds. Has inner chamber of iron and glass which is airtight. Oxygen added. – 19 03 05a

1919 03 12

First ladies 'eight' on Cam – Newnham college; photos – 19 03 12c

1919 05 14

Wordsworth Grove VAD disbanding – photos – 19 05 14d

1919 07 16

From air: across West Road to First Eastern General – 19 07 16b

1919 08 27

Cambridge from air, based over Newnham and Grantchester Street allotments – 19 08 27c

1919 09 24

Cambridge from the air – University bathing place in Grantchester Meadows – 19 09 24c

1919 11 05

Newnham institute unveil war memorial – 19 11 05d

1920 01 22

Newnham Institute report – need new building

1920 02 18

Burrell's Walk hut – experiences of resident – 20 02 18a

1920 02 24

Burrells Walk – tenants to be allowed to store furniture in premises not suitable for habitation; one hut as hospital for Naval officers, cannot use as shop

1920 03 10

Licensing sessions: refer East Road: Turnstile. George IV, Smith & Wheelwright Arms, King St: Boot; Gwydir St: Dewdrop; Newnham: Tally Ho; Chesterton: Indian Chief; Cherry Hinton Hopbine; Renew St Andrew's St: Queen's Arms – 20 03 10b

1920 03 30

Burrell's Walk – 242 applications for accommodation, 74 in occupation of tenements and on completion of the first part of the housing scheme would be accommodation for further 60; 108 for whom no accommodation. Two of the wards were still in occupation of military who could not vacate for another month

1920 04 21

New Road. A proposed road in Cambridge, which new will relieve the pressure of traffic in Silver Street, was described at a meeting of the Cambs. County Council on Saturday. The Town Council had written to the County authorities stating that they pro-posed to promote a Bill in the ensuing session of Parliament, and that they would be prepared to insert a clause providing for the construction by the County Council for a by-pass road from the Barton Road to Hills Road, with the necessary bridges. The Roads Committee of the County Council considers that such a road would he a desirable improvement, and the County Surveyor, the County Architect, and the Borough Surveyor are to confer with a view to preparing a plan showing the suggested links for the proposed new road, together with an estimate of the cost. Alderman J. Q. Vinter said that the time had come when there should be proper communications between these districts. Councillor W. L. Rayners observing that the scheme might not be clear to some members of It consisted of a road starting at the corner of the Barton Road, next to the Caius Ground, going down over a sort of drift way towards the bathing sheds at the bottom of the Lamas Ground, which the Borough bought a little while ago, then across some private land reaching the river. There was a bridge, and over that bridge the road would join on the Pemberton Estate and link up with Chaucer Road, then reaching the main London road. It would then turn back a little way to the bridge over the Brook, joining up with Brooklands Avenue. It would make a main by-pass road which would avoid the necessity of using Silver Street, a main road with a bridge which was often dangerous for the traffic. The County Council agreed that the Town Council should be asked to insert a clause to the proposed bill – 20 04 21a

1920 05 11

Burrells Walk agree plans for remainder of the buildings which have been handed over; question of branch library – no

1920 05 12

Telephone Kiosks. The Borough Council will tomorrow be asked to approve of the erection of telephone kiosks under the shelter at Hyde Park Corner, and near Sidgwick Avenue (or the side of Queens' Road). Suggested sites on the Newmarket Road (near Abbey Road) and on the public footpath on Mill Road (near Catharine Street) have failed to secure the approval of the Paving Committee, and in the former case the Borough Surveyor has been asked to select a suitable position in Sun Street, whilst in the latter the Post Office authorities have been requested to obtain another site on private property. The attention of the Post Office authorities is to be drawn to the need of a kiosk in the Cambridge Without District and a request made for the erection of one at the junction of Cherry Hinton ... 20 05 12

1920 05 12

Queen pays informal visit to two princes at Southacre and Trinity, walk Backs

1920 07 10

Public houses considered for closure – Victoria, Barrington; Guilden Morden Pig & Whistle, Cherry Hinton Hopbine, Castle Camps George & Dragon, Linton Axe & Saw, King Street Boot, Chesterton High Street Indian Chief, Newnham Road Tally Ho, East Road Turnstile, Gwydir Street Dew Drop

1920 07 14

Licences refused Hopbine, Cherry Hinton; Boot, King St; Tally Ho, Newnham Rd; Dew Drop, Gwydir St – 20 07 14b

1920 07 17

Y.W.C.A. Hostel moves from Barton Road to Chesterton Road overlooking the river

1920 08 04

Proposed road between Barton Rd & Trumpington Road turned down – 20 08 04a

1920 10 08

Newnham war memorials unveiled, St Mark's church

1920 10 13

St Mark's church Newnham war memorial unveiled – photos – 20 10 13b

1920 11 10

St Mark's church jubilee – history – 20 11 10a

1920 11 12

Armistice 'Rag', chariot of flame on Market Hill, siege of Newnham College, burst through gates where for half hour of bliss ... few odd battalions of infuriated Dons and hysterical Newnhamites, police charge

1920 12 06

Ministry of Transport would grant aid construction of road from Cherry Hinton Road to Mill Road, Barton Road to Trumpington Rd

1920 12 22

Two new roads to make work unemployed – from Cherry Hinton Road to Mill Road (near huts to Brookfields) and from The Grove, Newnham to Trumpington Road via Coe Fen Lane – 20 12 22b

1921 01 26

Burrell's Walk tenant summonsed for assault another – 21 01 26

1921 02 23

Burrell's Walk tenancy – ejectment order – 21 02 23

1922 08 05

The commencement of the school holidays has at once placed a great strain upon those who are responsible for the conduct of our recreation grounds and open spaces, and nowhere has it been more felt that at Sheep's Green, Cambridge, where our young water-rats spend the greater part of their vacations in alternating river-bathing and sun-baths. The place is in a great state of dilapidation and at any moment might become an utter ruin. The rottenness of the woodwork of the bathing shed is concealed by paint and putty, timbering on both sides of the river is falling to pieces and on the Newnham side the banks are crumbling to bits. It really does seem that before any new bathing places are built this grand old one should be put into a state worthy of its reputation and popularity - Table Talk

1922 10 07

Full Term commences next week and with it the activities of the new academical year. The open question now is as to the probable number of Freshmen and residents. Most of the Service students, who created the congestion which existed in the University from the Lent Term of 1912, went down last June, and left plenty of elbow room. This year we have got back to the public school boy, the pre-war type of Freshman. Girton and Newnham and the Women's Training College have not an empty room

1922 11 18

Undergraduates - both male and female - took a prominent part in the parliamentary election contest. I learn that 212 undergraduates and students of Newnham and Girton registered their names as volunteers, and a large number ably assisted the Conservatives in the County, Borough and University contests. Their help was particularly valuable in the County as flying motor columns were organised for visits to remote villages, where the villagers were assembled by the ringing of a bell and addresses were given by some of the undergraduates, whilst others distributed literature or canvassed voters

1923 05 01

A new burial ground for St Mark's parish, Cambridge, was consecrated by the Bishop of Ely. A short service was held in the Church, and the people then proceeded to the burial ground, which is situated about two miles away, by the side of Barton road, where already lie the remains of Mr J. H. Briggs who had been one of the foremost in the steps taken to acquire a burial ground for the parish. The Bishop said it was a curious & pathetic coincidence that very shortly before the service of consecration, one who was deeply interested in it, and who had worked well for it, had passed away, and that he should be the first to be laid to rest in the new burial ground of the parish before its concentration. The Bishop said the service was the last act in a long process - the formation of St Mark's into a separate parish.

1923 05 01

An undergraduate of Park Street was summoned for causing an obstruction by means of a motor tricycle in Burrells Walk Cambridge. P.C. Saunders said that as a result of complaints he kept observation and whilst doing so defendant left his roundabout outside the racket courts. Defendant told the court that cars much larger than his were usually left there and he did not think his small one could have caused an obstruction Fined 10s.

1923 05 25

Lady M. Darwin, of Newnham Grange, Cambridge, appeared at the police court when she was summonsed for riding a bicycle on the footway at West Road. She appeared and pleaded not guilty. P.C. Hagger stated that he saw the defendant riding along the footpath and rode after her on his bicycle. When he told her she would be reported, she replied, "I was riding very slowly; you should make the Corporation lay the tar better; it spoils bicycle tyres". (Laughter) "I don't think I was doing any harm to anyone. Some of the friends I see before me have admitted during the same thing". (Laughter). She was fined five shillings.

1923 06 13

The annual Inter-Varsity military tournament was held on the University Rifle Range, Grange Road when Cambridge beat Oxford by six events to 4. Perhaps the most popular event was the tent pegging, which reached an extremely high standard. One rarely sees it done better at Olympia. The artillery drive, too, was extremely well done. Some regular artillery offices in the audience, the hardest critics of all, seemed somewhat sceptical about it when the team drove into the arena, but after the first-time round their criticism changed to praise. The events won by Cambridge were the R.F.A. Alarm race, the individual jumping, the half section jumping, tent pegging, wrestling on horseback, and the cavalry dummy thrusting but they were beaten by Oxford in the cable laying competition. Oxford's other successes were the bayonet fighting, the artillery driving, and the tug of war.

1923 07 11

1,700 women members of the West Ham Central Mission Women's Meeting descended upon Cambridge on their annual outing. The huge party arrived in 56 motor coaches which drew up in a long line in Queens Road. In a solid mass they came over King's Bridge like an army of Amazons on the march, some expressing disappointment that the Cam was not as wide as the Thames. But as they entered the cool sanctuary of the chapel there was a continuous stream of enthusiastic remarks. The chairs were quickly occupied with mothers with their babies. We doubt there was ever such a scene in the historic chapel before.

1923 09 21

Sir - During the time that Silver Street, Cambridge, has been closed for traffic, some hundreds of persons have used Mill Lane, Sheep's Green to Newnham mill path. This opens a solution of the problems of relieving Silver Street of a great number of bicycles, especially during the dinner hour. I would like the Corporation to consider widening the wooden bridges, lessening the gradients, covering in the outlets of Newnham mill, and improving the cobble stones in Mill Lane, in order to encourage cycle riders to use this way. The one drawback to this scheme is the sharp turn at the King's mill corner, but this might also be overcome - "Newnhamite"

1923 09 28

Cambridge town council agreed a scheme to construct a road across Coe Fen from the Coach and Horse public house, Newnham, to Coe Fen Lane. The Ministry of Transport have agreed to pay half the cost, and the road will be commenced almost at once so as to provide work for the unemployed during the coming winter. The scheme had been before the Council for nearly 20 years. Nine or 10 schemes had been presented and each member of the council appeared to think his particular scheme was the best. The great advantage of the present scheme was that the whole length of the road would be on the council's own land.

1923 10 15

An Avro biplane was taking two passengers over Cambridge yesterday afternoon and when returning to the licenced aerodrome on Barton round, the under-carriage fouled the hedge, causing the machine to fall almost vertically on its nose. The pilot was slightly injured. The passengers were uninjured and motored the pilot to the Evelyn nursing home where he was detained. The machine, which stands in the field in an almost vertical position, appears to have suffered but little damage other than that sustained by the under-carriage

1923 10 30

Sir, - many Cambridge people can remember the "Dismal Jimmies" protesting at the suggested new road from the Four Lamps over Midsummer common and the bridge to Chesterton. The council stood firm, what is the result? Victoria Avenue and the bridge has proved a complete success, the trees have grown and have become a real avenue. And not only is it a boon and a blessing to Chesterton men; it is a credit to Cambridge. I trust the council will again stand firm and this time let the boon be for Newnham, with a roadway over Coe Fen that will prove a credit to the district and then we can cycle to business without expecting to be caught in the death trap of crowded Silver Street. – "Safety First"

1924 05 01

Through the munificence of Sir Charles and Lady Walston, handsome iron gates in the early English style have been erected at the entrance to the King's College grounds on the Backs. Sir Charles presented them to the college. Mr A W Elwood the maker of the gates, presented the key to Lady Walston who opened them.

1924 05 13

An aeroplane came to grief while alighting in a field on Barton Road, Cambridge, and the pilot and two passengers had a narrow escape from serious injuries. The plane was attached to Edward's Flying Service, which provides flights from a field off Barton road. It appears that the pilot was about to land and was manoeuvring for a position suitable to the direction of the strong wind when the engine stopped, and he was forced to land. The aeroplane crashed into a hedge and turned completely over, its back being broken.

1924 11 04

The first of a series of film displays with the object of educating public opinion of certain dread diseases was held in Newnham. Of all the dread diseases which devastated civilised countries to-day, venereal diseases were perhaps the most serious. A centre was established at Addenbrooke's where treatment was free and secret. Since 1917 the number of attendances was 11,905. The disease was so serious as to warrant the most vigorous propaganda. The responsibility of parents in the education of their children in sex matters ought not to be shirked.

1924 11 25

Sir – To my thinking there are, for a town the size of Cambridge, too many useless trees by half: trees that are neither useful nor ornamental. Take a walk along Grange Road and look at some of the expensive villas there being ruined by trees planted in the small space of ground around them, blocking out the air and harbouring all kinds of insects. Where can you take a walk and get a view of a glorious sunset or beautiful landscape. Your vision is marred by a lot of unnecessary trees. I think a good purpose would be served if hundreds of trees were cut down and sold as cheap firing to many poor people – "An old lover of Cambridge"

1924 12 01

Sir – Having lived in Derby Street, Cambridge for nearly ten years I can faithfully describe its condition. During this period not a stone has been laid on the road. On rainy days each house occupier has his own lake situate along the front. After long years of passive submission a "round robin" was sent to the authorities asking if they will lay a path for us. The answer came this week. If the tenants will pay 6s.9d. per foot frontage, all's well, as it is, in the opinion of the Council, a private street – E. Frost

1925 05 30

Some interesting competitions in clay target shooting were held on Messrs Gallyon's shooting park, at Moor Barns Farm, Madingley Road, Cambridge. They were the first of the kind to be held in the Eastern Counties and attracted a good attendance. A new automatic trap which has just been installed on the ground gave general satisfaction. This is the first time that a trap of this kind has been used in Cambridge and proved its value, not only from the economical point of view, but also for accelerating the competition.

1925 09 05

Sir – When are Fulbrooke and Owlstone Roads going to be taken in hand? The longer they are left the greater the disgrace to companies who cut channels across the roads and never filled them in properly. Grantchester Meadows beyond Marlowe Road does not win much praise from foot passengers, and it is the approach to the most popular walk around Cambridge. As someone has rather neatly said ‘The road to Paradise is a path of difficulty’

1926 01 18

Skating has been in full swing over the weekend. The Cambridge Sewage Farm has been the rendezvous of the majority of skaters and on Sunday over 500 skaters were ‘on’ in the afternoon. Mr Nicholls’ field in Grantchester Meadows was flooded and many skaters availed themselves of the opportunity it offered, whilst others went over to Swavesey. Hundreds indulged in winter sports on the slopes of Royston Heath, tobogganing and ski-ing were general

1926 02 12

An unemployed labourer pleaded guilty to stealing a packet of ten Player’s cigarettes, value 6d, from an automatic box. He placed in the machine a farthing that had been cut down at the edge to the six of a sixpence and by this means obtained the pack of cigarettes. George Lay, tobacconist of Burrell’s Walk, Cambridge, said he had placed marked packets in the machine after finding farthings, pieces of lead and foreign coins in the money box.

1926 05 10

Five hundred of the Civil Constabulary reserve, mostly undergraduates, left Cambridge early this morning for duty in the East End of London. An advance party of 100 went off yesterday. The journey was made by road, the procession of cars stretching for a distance of nearly a mile. In addition some are cleaning carriages at Paddington and Waterloo stations and others unloading cargo at Tilbury Docks. A large number are at dock work and engineering jobs at Hull, while a small contingent is at Grimsby employed at the quayside. A number of Girton and Newnham girls are working as cyclist messengers in the district

1926 08 16

Earthquake shocks of unusual severity were felt on Sunday morning. In Cambridge occupants were awakened by the rattle of windows, crockery and furniture. Two residents in West Road were aroused from sleep by the oscillation of their beds; a lofty wardrobe continued to shake and its contents to rattle for some time. Railwaymen on night duty said the telegraph poles rattled and the windows of signal cabins shook. Several residents of Huntingdon felt three tremors

1926 09 28

An article in “Country Life” relates to the house, no.21 Madingley Road Cambridge in a choice spot beside the Backs which is included in an auction sale. “Everyone knows that building is costly, but there will be curiosity as to how as much as £6,000 could be spent in building a house in which the chief accommodation consisted of only six bedroom. Some four years ago an American laid out that sum on the house which is he now vacating. The auctioneer have orders to treat on the basis of market value, not cost, so someone will get a bargain”.

1926 10 23

The Officers’ Training Corps range on Grange Road, Cambridge, has been closed down, having been condemned by a Military Board on account of the danger to Coton. The Cambridge University Rifle Association will for a time carry on shooting at the Territorial range on Coldham’s Common. But there is a likelihood of this range being closed down too in the near future because the new road in course of erection will come up behind the butts. A united effort will be made to secure a sufficiently large area of land for the erection of a new, full-sized range.

1926 10 29

The name of a well-known onion – Nuneham Park – as a fitting one for the new recreation ground at Newnham, because of the many tears it has caused on the ground of cost, was suggested by Councillor Edwards at Cambridge council. Another name proposed was Lamentations Land as a perpetual reminder that they had been guilty of the most extravagant and wilful expenditure of public money. Finally the Council decided on Lammas Land. It would signify that the ground formerly opened during certain seasons of the year was now closed permanently against any private owner's rights and the public had the rights for the whole of the year.

1926 12 09

Fen Causeway, the new and important link between Newnham and the rest of Cambridge, was opened by the Mayor. The bridge and its approaches were gaily decorated with bunting and presented a colourful scene. The project of relieving Silver Street traffic had started as long ago as 1904 and discussion had gone on for nearly 20 years before the Town Council approved the plan in 1923. Nine proposals had been put forward and had it not been for the urgency of the unemployment question the same position would have existed today, only instead of nine there might have been nineteen different schemes (Laughter)

1927 02 01

The Cambridge Borough Surveyor reported that he had asked the authorities of St John's College if they would consent to the fence between the spinney and footpath leading to the bridge at Burrell's Walk being set back. The Bursar said they were prepared to give up the spinney, containing 1,225 square yards, for the use of the public. It was resolved to accept the offer with thanks and that the land should be placed in charge of the Commons Committee. Magdalene College are prepared to set back and re-erect the old wall in Magdalene Street on condition the Corporation would contribute £160 towards the cost. Coun King drew attention to the desirability of pedestrians being directed to keep on the left of the pavement, but no action appears to have been taken

1927 03 03

Dr Francis Shillington Scales one of the foremost radiologists in the country has died. He was appointed medical officer in charge of the X-ray department at Addenbrooke's Hospital and made much of the apparatus himself. He had an extensive private practice in the special branch of medicine to which he had elevated himself, and had an elaborate X-ray apparatus installed at his residence in Adams Road

1927 03 21

It must be 25 years since the seats and fences of Clare Hall Pieces were burnt on the Cambridge Market Hill. With the increasing number of visitors the lack of seats on the Backs is often felt and now that Cambridge attractions are being advertised the placing of seats in this favourite spot, where so many visitors go to view the west elevation of King's Chapel would be appreciated by many

1927 04 09

Cambridge councillors debated whether part of the King's and Bishop's Mill site should be sold to the University to erect new lecture rooms. The Corporation should not sell its property in this way; it should do so on the public market. They might get a higher offer from a firm who would like to put up a Woolworth building but they wanted an appropriate end to the Backs & such improvements would give an almost Venetian effect to the whole of the Backs river. To consider turning the site into a recreation ground with railings and white paint would be most regrettable. They should pull down the remains of the mill so that everyone could see what the site looked like when the fag-end of the foundations was up. It would expose some quite ugly buildings which would not be hidden by any plans before them

1927 04 27

"I feel it should be the utmost endeavour to get townspeople now existing in Burrell's Walk out of those hutments and into council houses with the greatest expediency", said A.C. Taylor, the

Independent candidate in the Castle Ward by-election. He was gravely concerned with the sanitary conditions of the place and while the huts served a very useful purpose years ago they were never intended to be permanent abodes of civil population. There were some worse cases in Cambridge but for young people with families the cramped conditions and colourless surroundings did not make for the bringing up of bright, healthy children.

1927 05 11

Fifteen years ago the Mayor, as plain Mr J. Conder, suggested that that Lammas Land at Newnham, might be turned into a recreation ground. "I little thought it would come true", he confessed when he opened the said Lammas Land to the general public. This latest recreation ground will supply a long-felt want. The habits of the people had improved and one reason was the provision of suitable recreation which enabled them to enjoy themselves in a healthy and happy way.

1927 06 15

Three well-known Cambridge sportsmen who have completed their academic careers distinguished themselves by spending part of the night in the grounds of one of the women's colleges and part in another. At midnight on Saturday they climbed into Newnham, taking with them a tent which they pitched in full view and were not discovered until they were all snug in "bed", when they commenced community singing. Newnham Dons became alarmed and phoned for the police, who turned them out. They then motored to Girton, scaled a twelve-foot wall and pitched the tent. They were not discovered until the early hours of the morning when the earliest risers amongst the lady students saw the strange sight in the middle of the court.

1927 07 26

A remarkable demonstration of the new "Bibendum Comfort" tyres was given at "The Backs", Queens Road, Cambridge. The test consisted of driving a car along the road at about 38 mph and bursting the inner tube of the back tyre by means of a special device. The car was driven to the same spot at about 30 mph with the tyre half deflated and then purposely skidded and again with the tyre fully deflated. These tests were particularly severe, the car skidding right round, leaving skid marks 25 feet long, but the tyre never budged from the rim.

1927 09 01

Sir – I wish to protest against the almost intolerable nuisance caused by the beating of college carpets on "The Backs", which is robbing not a few of us of all possibility of quiet thought and study. A vast number of visitors can hardly carry away an agreeable impression of a place where their ears have been so persistently assailed and affronted. Why cannot the Colleges do what is done by all the great hotels. The resources of modern science and ingenuity lie equally open to them. Why then these means of barbarism? – Thomas Thornely.

1927 09 07

During the holidays a good deal of wanton damage had been done to the wall and outbuildings of the Romsey Council School. The plots of ground adjoining – a no man's land at the present time – enabled young people with very little else to do to try to climb the wall. On top of that the caretaker had received notice to vacate his premises and was now in Burrell's Walk. That was a long way from the school. The council will inquire of the Bursar of Jesus College as to the cost of purchasing the site immediately next to the school.

1927 09 10

A poem had been received on the subject of carpet beating on the Backs. "One noon two hypochondriacs, Were strolling through the Cambridge Backs. Said one: It seems to me that I hear smacks, And slaps and thumps and bumps and hacks, Distinctly and nerve racking thwacks, My ear drum's split, my limbs relax. It seems to me we'd best make tracks, Till carpet beating's off the Backs"

1927 12 07

Sir – the death of Mr Alfred Lander has cast quite a gloom over the Sidgwick Avenue – Silver Street bit of Cambridge. For many a year his familiar figure stood in all weathers under his big old tree, sheltered by the wall, generally accompanied by a robin or dog, his special friends. A casual passer-by might suppose he did nothing but stand there holding his broom, but he was a very useful man. To the best of his limited ability he was famous for going messages and taking care of this and that – and all this above and beyond his ‘professional’ work as a crossing-sweeper (the only unofficial one in the town). So afflicted, but such a simple, kindly and cheery soul; accident made him a cripple in his childhood, and life must have been a long struggle but of late things have been brighter again for him – A mourner

1928 04 14

‘The Times’ has published a picture of the proposed new Cambridge University Library from the provisional designs prepared by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. For some years past the imperative need of additional rooms to accommodate the never-ending increase of books has been urged but the enormous cost of erecting an entirely new library on another site – the old playing field of King’s and Clare Colleges - presented what seemed an insurmountable difficulty. Even if the proposed scheme is realised it provides for only one-half of the projected library and involves a debt which will not be cleared for 50 years

1928 10 01

Conditions at the University Library have become more and more serious and in 1924 a Syndicate recommended a new library on a new site. Land was bought and plans prepared by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, estimated at £500,000. But it was possible for them to finance only half that amount. Now an offer has been received from the Rockefeller Foundation of a sum to enable the building of the complete library without delay.

1928 12 12

Women having been granted the Parliamentary vote the Cambridge Committee for Equal Citizenship celebrated this great event. Invitations were sent out to all members of the Cambridge Women’s Suffrage Association to meet Dame Millicent Fawcett at Newnham College. There was a very large attendance. Mrs Bethune-Baker traced the history of the movement in Cambridge. Among the first subscribers were the Mayor and Vice Chancellor but the cause fell on evil days. Members of the voteless sex had stood all day at polling booths on a wet day and undergraduates had tried to force their way into a meeting at the Guildhall.

1928 12 15

St Catharine’s Farm, Coton, has been taken over by the Stetchworth Dairies. Built in 1922 it contains the finest buildings of any farm in the Eastern Counties and it is because of the spacious byres for cows that the Dairies have secured it. It is another asset to their fine chain of model milk producing farms, which includes Ditton Hall Farm, Rectory Farm Milton and Aldham House Farm, Chesterton. At Merton Hall Farm, Madingley Road the cows are milked by electricity.

1929 03 02

Sir: Quite a number of people took advantage of the frozen river last weekend to skate to Ely and among them were three Newnham girls. It is 34 years since last such a journey was possible. It was February 1895 that I and two friends undertook the journey. On arrival it was suggested we continue to Denver Sluice but after two miles the ice was very bad, so we returned. I wonder how many have ever succeeded in it, a distance of 72 miles there and back. I am fond of skating and have been to Ely five times – ‘Septuagenarian’

1929 04 30

Millington Road – CDN 30.4.1929

1929 05 07

Burrell's Walk eviction – CDN 7.5.1929

1929 06 18

Burrells Walk evictions – CDN 18.6.29

1929 07 20

Burrells Walk evictions.

1929 11 27

Women students packed the gallery at the Cambridge Union Society when a motion supporting full University rights for women was carried. A sensation was caused before the debate when it was proposed that in view of the importance of the issue involved the gallery should be cleared but the President ruled that this would cause too much disturbance. Women students lived under a code of rules that could only be described as fatuous; one of the women's colleges allowed its students to go unchaperoned to King's Chapel, but to no other. Girton allowed them to go to the theatre 'provided the party was of reasonable size', whilst Newnham were permitted provided the party 'was not of unreasonable size' (laughter)

1930 01 10

Extensive netting was carried out in the ponds at Madingley Hall; over 8,000 fish, mostly roach and rudd, were transferred in tanks to Newnham Mill Pool. The party, which included Mr Ambrose Harding and Horace Coulson arrived equipped with nets and tanks which strongly resembled dustbins. The first haul was made across the bridge end of the pond and resulted in the capture of about 400 small roach which were taken to Cambridge by lorry. The next produced upwards of 2,000 fish, too many for the lorry so Mr Coulson took some in pails in his car. The third pond yielded a still finer Catch

1930 01 13

Cambridge experienced the full force of the gales. Broken fragments of tiles and chimney pots told their own tale including the house of Mr David Crown, the builder, which had a large hole in the roof. Many trees were blown down along the Backs of the Colleges; two on the corner of Queens' Green were both snapped off by the violence of the winds, another fell across the road opposite St John's College and several giant elms were snapped off like matchwood. A large tree fell across the road at Trumpington and a motor cyclist collided with it, without injury. A poplar on the edge of Snob's Stream, Sheeps Green fell carrying with it a large number of telegraph wires.

1930 02 01

The Backs look very desolate just now for fifteen of the giant elms have been condemned to death and the axe and saw has already accounted for most of them. The trees are being felled because their tops have become rotten and there is a danger of passers-by. Children are making the scene their playground and gathering firewood to take home and young amateur woodmen trying their skills with choppers when the workmen are not looking at them. The trees will be replaced by young elms. There is a variety of opinion about the age of the trees; some put them at 180 years but others say none is more than 100 years old. 30 02 01c

1930 03 08

Sir – the rabbit factory in York Terrace, Cambridge, is a disgusting nuisance, excluding a horrible stench. Had this factory been on Grange Road the foundations would never have been dug but York Terrace stands for poverty and insignificance and so maggots, flies and stenches should apparently be borne with that humility that has been the bane of the workers all down the ages – P.J. Wright. 30 03 08

1930 03 22

There never was a time surely when there were so many works of destruction going on as at present. Little bits of old Cambridge are going one by one and elaborate new buildings are rising up in their place. Following demolition in Petty Cury and Sidney Street now we see old houses and shops in Sussex Street being knocked down. No wonder that those who come back to the town after a few years' absence express amazement at the changes they see. When we think of the bridges built at Newnham and Chesterton, of the streets that have been widened, the new recreation ground opened and the great business changes effected in the heart of the town we may well gasp. 30 03 22 a & b

1930 04 08

Councillor Mrs Rackham first came to Newnham College in 1895. Returning on her marriage in 1901 she entered into public life as school manager, Guardian and town councillor. In 1902 she started the first local branch of the Women's Co-operative Movement. Her clear-cut voice is well-known on radio and she has recently completed a series of six talks from Savoy Hill on Local Government. She is also a journalist of standing and has contributed a column to 'The Woman's Leader' for the last seven years. 30 04 08a

1930 07 21

Cambridge planners say that Huntingdon and Barton Road are already practically fully developed on both sides, similar building is taking place along Trumpington Road & housing in Madingley Road will increase now the sewers are laid. There will probably be spur roads which will have no regard to the traffic needs of the area as a whole and the result will be a hotch-potch similar to that before the days of town planning. Soon there will be no possibility getting a cross-road between Huntingdon Road and Trumpington without the demolition of buildings or serious interference with the land-owners. 30 07 21a-c

1930 08 23

One of the new Willys-Manchester 35 cwt lorries arrived in Cambridge as part of its 10,000-mile demonstration run. The lorry, which is fully laden & fitted with a special publicity body, toured the town attracting considerable attention. It carried 60 pennants of agents which have been visited and the proprietors of the Queens' Garage, Newnham Road added theirs before it left for Hitchin. The garage is to be shortly extended, provision being made for a showroom and toilet rooms. 30 08 23

1930 09 13

Much has been said about the destruction of the beauties of the Backs. But I must protest against the awful wastepaper baskets that have made their appearance. It is good to try and prevent litter along this favourite walk but surely something more in harmony with the surroundings might have been found that these huge baskets which look more suited for undergraduates' laundry than litter. 30 09 13

1930 09 27

Mr W.H. Evans who conducts the orchestra at the Cambridge New Theatre won fame as one of the first airman to fly to Cambridge. He founded the first flying school in Scotland and flew across the Firth of Forth in 1911. He made a flying tour on behalf of the 'Daily Mail' and chose Cambridge as his first stopping place, landing his Caudron biplane on the University Rifle Range, Grange Road on 27th June 1912. 30 09 27 b & c

1930 10 14

Altering the Backs – straightening road – photo – 30 10 14

1930 10 16

Changing backs – removing elms, Queens Road with steam roller - 30 10 16b

1930 11 11

It was in the state of mind anticipating moral extinction that I tapped on the door of the portress at Newnham College and asked if I could see the Principal's secretary. Within five minutes Miss

Strachey had herself received me. Here was no austere ‘school marm’ but a charming, well-dressed, quite feminine woman of the world, with a sense of humour and the blessed gift of putting nervous people at their ease. She is a great educationalist but also a most charming and modest lady. 30 11 11a

1930 11 25

Never did learning of so weighty a nature sit so lightly on so smiling a personality as Miss Wood, principal of the Cambridge Training College for Post-graduate Women. She has a formidable list of classical achievements but proves that learning does not inevitably mean dullness. The College opened in two small cottages in Newnham Croft in 1885 and has provided hundreds of teachers for secondary schools in many parts of the Empire. 30 11 25

1930 12 06

Sir – all Cambridge men will be alarmed at the threat to build an arterial ring road bisecting Grantchester Meadows. The meadows are owned by King’s College. We regard their preservation as a trust; we will not build on them, nor near them. We will do nothing to change their character and refuse to contemplate such a calamity – The Dean of King’s 30 12 06

1931 01 09

Lady Darwin, wife of Sir George the Professor of Astronomy, is an American with an interest in the feminine movement. In 1914 she wrote an article on policewomen; the idea of creating a female police corps created tremendous excitement and during the war a small number were appointed... She is very hospitable and is never happier than when her house, Newnham Grange, is full of guests, particularly American undergraduates. Her eldest daughter is Mrs Gwen Raverat, a distinguished wood-engraver. 31 01 09a

1931 05 29

Territorial machine gunners on new range, Barton Road – photo – 31 05 29c

1931 07 17

The question of cricket on Lammas Land, Newnham produced a spirited debate: old ladies crossing the grass might be hit with the hard cricket ball. The Commons Committee is going through a spasm of kill-joy spirit: boys played on the streets but as soon as they went to open space they were told they must not do so. Perhaps a soft ball could be used – or a golf ball. Newnham Institute sought permission for a cricket pitch, but this would turn it into a second Parker’s Piece. 31 07 17f & g

1931 10 02

Modern house on Madingley road – photo – 31 10 02s

1932 02 23

New-constructed bus turning point Newnham route, Barton Rd – 32 02 23d

1932 04 03

New High Sheriff. The new High Sheriff for Cambridgeshire for 1942, appointed by the King in Council, is Mr. Roger H. Parker, M.A., M.C., of Thorneycreek, Herschel Road, Cambridge. A director and local director of Barclays Bank, Mr. Parker was educated at Eton and Trinity. During the last war he served with the 5th (P.C.W.) Dragoon Guards, and was awarded the Military Cross. His interest in Addenbrooke’s Hospital, of whose General Committee he is chairman, is well-known, whilst his county associations include the Joint Mastership of the Cambridgeshire Hunt, his work for Trumpington No.2 electoral division and a deputy lieutenant-ship. As commander of the 4th Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Home Guard, he holds the rank of lieutenant colonel. 42 04 03

1932 04 15

Corpus Christi College is to auction ‘Pinehurst’ and eight acres of land facing Selwyn College, close to the new University Library. There is every reason to think that apart from preventing the covering of the site with ordinary houses, its purchase for collegiate use would in time be found to be a very

wise step. The vendors may be trusted to give the friendliest consideration to any proposal that may tend to the advantage of the college. 32 04 15c

1932 06 01

The 'Brighter Roofs for Colleges' movement is growing. Overnight at Ridley Hall two cords were stretched from one of the college towers. On them pyjamas, pyjamas and still more pyjamas were floating in the wind. Large ones, small ones, brightly-coloured and silk examples were proudly swaying in the breeze and in the middle was suspended a parson's hat. After they had been lowered to the ground their various owners joined in a frantic scramble for their particular pairs which had been removed from their rooms. 32 06 01a

1932 08 12

The University of Cambridge has accepted Messrs Rattee and Kett's tender for the superstructure of the new University Library. They are also building an extension to the School of Agriculture and the Royal Society Mond Laboratory while Mr Sindall is building the new block of lecture rooms in Mill Lane and Coulson and Son have the contract for the extension to the Physiological Laboratory. These valuable contracts have been made possible largely by the munificent gift of the Rockefeller Trustees. 32 08 12b

1932 10 28

A Baroness complained that without buses it was impossible for people in Storey's Way to keep cooks – they are elderly people and cannot ride bicycles. Many households had reduced the number of servants. She herself had been obliged to give up her car and lower her expenditure considerably, consequently she was an ardent bus-rider. Lady Hope of Herschel Road said the buses ran irregularly and never in connection with one to the railway station. But very few Grange Road residents used them and some would even object to a service. 32 10 28d

1933 03 24

Three Tuns licence to be withdrawn, Coach & Horses, Newnham – 33 03 24c

1933 04 18

Grange Road proposed new road, Adams Road – 33 04 18 & 33 04 21

1933 05 18

Hangman's Corner, Barton Road presented a scene of excitement when the British Hospital's Air Pageant visited Cambridge and all afternoon there was the incessant 'zoom' of aeroplanes 'taking off' and landing. All-in advanced aerobatics provided a thrill; the 'crazy' flying drew many a gasp whilst equally entertaining was the dancing to music by the tiniest machines in the show. Wing-walking and parachute jumping were presented, together with balloon bursting and a chase after a 'kidnapped' bride. One machine which caused amusement was Mr Heath Robinson's conception of a Chinese dragon: the 'flying motor cycle'. 33 05 18

1933 05 24

Newnham nursing association meeting – 33 05 24

1933 06 08

A Newnham College student was summoned for dangerous flying. Mary Barnard said she had taken off from Marshall's flying school on a solo flight and descended to 1,000 feet over her College. But Dr John Bury, who had flown for five years, said she had descended rather rapidly, then flattened out and crossed Corpus Christi gardens at about 600 feet, he could read the letters on the plane quite clearly. As it was the first prosecution of its kind the magistrates decided to dismiss the case with a caution. 33 06 08a

1933 06 08

Pinehurst flats – advert – 33 06 08

1933 06 16

The latest feature of building development at Cambridge is the erection of two blocks of modern flats at Pinehurst, Grange Road. The site, formerly occupied by a large house used as a private school, has been acquired by the Strand and Savoy Properties. Each block has 20 flats at rentals from £145 to £175 per annum. Messrs Stockbridge furnished on display flat in antique style including a Queen Anne bureau-bookcase, another had modern furniture by Papworth Industries with an 'all-electric' kitchen. 33 06 16a

1933 07 07

The Carlton public house in Lensfield Road owned by Lacons brewery had seen an increase in trade following the Budget decrease. There had been no complaints about the tenant, Edward Bettsworth, who was getting a living and wanted to retain it. Its licence was renewed but not those of the Coach and Horses on Newnham Road or the Alhambra on East Road where there were five other pubs within 220 yards and the trade was decreasing. 33 07 07 p12

1933 10 20

Unemployment in Cambridge is serious: 965 men and 84 women were out of work. The University Library was nearly finished and the great building projects in the town completed. But work continued on Queen Edith's Way, Long Road and the Hundred Houses Estate as well as the paddling pool on Coldham's Common. The Minister of Transport was keen to do away with level crossings and replace them with bridges; this could mean serious expenditure but provide employment for a great number of men. 33 10 20

1933 11 15

Wilberforce Road being made up – photo – 33 11 15

1933 12 12

St Botolph's church has never had a house for its incumbent. Former rectors have generally been Fellows of Queens' and entitled to a set of rooms in the college. But recent clergy have been family men and had to provide their own living accommodation. Now a new rectory in Summerfield, Newnham Road, has been designed by C.F. Skipper. 33 12 12

1933 12 19

Miss M.H. Catley, Headmistress of the Perse Girls' School, was called hurriedly home from a school dance when a blaze in the front room of her house in Barton Road threatened to envelop the whole building. Her housekeeper found a curtain had been set alight by an electric fire and rushed to the house next door to telephone the fire brigade. But there was some mix-up and they went to the Perse School buildings in Panton Street. 33 12 19

1934 03 05

A Cambridge police constable was injured during the 'rag' which followed the inter-college rugby cup final between Clare and St Catharine's. At Burrell's Walk undergraduates used wooden palisades to make a bonfire. The fire engine was called out but was surrounded by a crowd of students some of whom pulled the hose off the drum. Others clambered on to the engine and took the front and side lamps off. The fire was put out by college porters. In Queens Road the police were forced to defend themselves. Truncheons were used to prevent their helmets being snatched off. There was some hard fighting. A number of street lamps were broken and a window was smashed in King's Parade. Two undergraduates were arrested, charged with assaulting the police. 34 03 05

1934 05 05

Air circus, Barton Road – 34 05 05, 34 05 07

1934 06 01

The great move has begun. At four o'clock the doors of the old University Library near the Senate House closed to readers. There had been many visitors all day to say farewell to the building and

some tender-hearted ladies left the library in tears before the bell rang for the last time. Librarians have been packing volumes into boxes and Eaden Lilley's staff began the work of loading the horse-drawn carts for the journey to the new library in West Road. The process will go on day after day for about three months. 34 06 01

1934 09 06

University Library big move – 34 09 06

1934 09 22

Life in the University would not be complete without humour, Ald Tweedy told a dinner. He mentioned a professor who was lecturing on a part of the world where men greatly outnumbered the women. "I believe that even the young women of Girton and Newnham would be able to find husbands there", he said. As a protest all the members of these colleges rose and turned to go out. "Wait a minute", said the Professor. "There's no hurry. The boat doesn't go till Friday". 34 09 22

1934 10 22

Thousands greeted the King and Queen when they made their way to the new University Library. Washing and cooking alike was forgotten in hundreds of homes as women formed a great part of the crowds which were thickest in Trinity Street where undergraduates in cap and gown added to the number. Of all the wonderful products of man's skill in art and labour the Library must rank of one of the most inspiring and peculiarly permanent of our national institutions and with while clouds scudding over its lofty tower this unique building occupied the centre of a delightful scene. An exceptionally good film of the visit, taken by Gaumont especially for the Victoria Cinema will be shown next week. 34 10 22 & 25

1935 01 07

Sir Alfred James Ewing of Herschel Road, Cambridge, was the brains behind the famous 'Room 40'. When the Great War began he was asked to undertake the task of collecting and deciphering enemy messages. Numerous listening stations were set up on the East coast at which enemy fleet signals and other wireless messages were received. From December 1914 the German Fleet made no movement which was not known in advance. The work was probably the best-kept secret of the war and the full story has never been told for he was refused permission to deal with it in his reminiscences 35 01 07a & b

1935 01 22

We have to report the death of Miss L.M. Brooks of Oxford Road, portress of Newnham College since 1924. She served the college with devotion and made herself respected and loved by successions of students, Fellows and staff alike. Her unfailing courtesy and interest, and the joy in life which was evident in her, won everybody's affection. She kept in touch with old students in remote parts of the world and remembered everyone who came back. The college has suffered a great loss by the removal of so charming and gracious a personality. 35 01 22a

1935 01 28

Snow plough Grange Road photo – 35 01 28, tipped into river – 35 01 30

1935 03 20

Backs tree demolished 35 03 20

1935 03 30

Those who worked or lived at the First Eastern General Hospital huts in Burrell's Walk immediately after the war will be sorry to learn that many of the huts that were transferred from there to Manea for use as hen houses have been destroyed by fire. A big enterprise had been built up at Fodder Fen by Mrs Harry Crouch, who was a pioneer of the intensive system of poultry keeping. The long rows of sheds have been a familiar sight to those travelling by train but now about a quarter of a mile of them have been burnt. 35 03 30a

1935 04 04

Dr Herbert Allen Giles of Selwyn Gardens, formerly Professor of Chinese and at one-time H.M. Consul at Ningpo left gross estate of the value of £23,614. He willed £1,000 to his faithful housekeeper, Mabel Slinton and legacies to others who helped make his life bearable. They include Mabel Faiers-Pikett (late housemaid), Alice Ryder and E.M. Halls (cooks) and his 'trusty housemaid' Dorothy Baker to whom he left £100 and £15 for each year of service over three years 35 04 04

1935 09 17

A gale which raged all night wreaked sad havoc amongst the leafy avenues and clusters of trees of which Cambridge is so proud. The Backs bore the appearance of having been shelled by a volley of artillery and Queens Road had to be closed. A Huntingdon elm, the pride of Trinity garden, was blown down. A tree was blown half into the water at Jesus Green Baths while another came down near Park Parade. Hundreds of 'conkers' were blown down, to the delight of the kiddies and large quantities of ripe and unripe fruit fell on the ground. 35 09 17

1935 09 28

A new agricultural machine, known as the gyrotiller, has been working on Vicar's Farm, Madingley Road. It stirs up the soil very deeply – as much as two feet if required – and breaks up the hard 'roof' just below the surface. It leaves no 'wheelings' and so it is not necessary to send a horse to plough into the field to finish up after it. Its action seems ideal and crops yielded by land on which it has been used are extremely good. 35 09 28b

1936 02 06

The Cambridge University Mummers, who are still the only University Dramatic Society to admit women members equally with men in all their activities, are presenting 'Heartbreak House' by Bernard Shaw. In the cast there are four members of Newnham, the most prominent of whom is Miss Teresa Mayor. She will be supported by Beryl Eeman, Cecilia Hopkinson and Deirdre Moore. The play will be produced by George Rylands who is well known for productions at the A.D.C. 36 02 06a

1936 02 10

Skating at Newnham – photo – 36 02 10 Death Mrs Henry Sidgwick, Principal of Newnham – 36 02 11

1936 03 06

Sir - Great falls and breakages in the main line of elms along the Backs began in a gale 40 years ago. They have come at intervals ever since and will certainly continue as the trees are much more diseased and feeble than the public knows. Twelve years ago King's cleared fifty yards of the sad wreckage of old trees and planted a double reserve line. These are now well grown but some have been broken. The public may look forward to more random falls whenever the wind is high and a limited amount of controlled felling and replanting where the trees are judged to be worst. But there will be no sudden large clearances and we are taking the best advice we can – Vice-Provost, King's College 36 03 06c

1936 10 09

Sir – I wish to make a protest about the condition of Barton Road in Cambridge. A few months ago this was tarred and chipped, but why were the holes not filled in where the mains were laid to new homes? Now new light standards have been erected and tremendous holes again left. The other day I broke an axle at 28 mph on one of these holes. The motorist doesn't mind. He's used to paying for things not done and to accidents for which he is not to blame – E.K. Howell. 36 10 09

1936 10 15

More than 737 new street lamps had been installed and from Milton Road to Northampton Street there was excellent lighting. But the council had deliberately left a big black patch along the Backs. Discussions had taken place with the Cambridge Preservation Society and Heads of Colleges; Queens

Road was unique, they had to reconcile its beauty and character with the efficient lighting which would protect life 36 10 15

1937 01 15

A fire at a large house at 10 Adams Road in the early morning caused considerable damage. There were six people living there and the haste with which they had to leave their rooms was obvious, for several were still wearing pyjamas and overcoats whilst engaged in salvage work this morning. The Merryweather fire engine was sent for and the brigade fought the flames from the water tower, managing to confine the outbreak to the upper storeys. Mr P. Hirsch, the owner, said several hundred pounds had recently been spent in redecoration and more damage had been done by water than fire.

37 01 15a, pic 15

1937 02 01

Alexander Paul MacAlister was articled to Messrs Fawcett's, a Cambridge firm of architects, before starting on his own in St Andrew's Street 45 years ago. He designed the new block at Fulbourn Mental Hospital and the Tubercular Hospital at Antwerp as well as many houses in Madingley Road. He founded the Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society and played parts in all the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. 37 02 01

1937 02 13

Cambridge Training College for Women celebrated its Jubilee. It had started in two cottages at Newnham when Miss Hughes, the principal, was the sole staff and lectured on every subject. Early staff, if they did receive their salaries, paid them back into the college in some way until the new buildings were started. When it moved into Queen Anne Terrace 1,000 guests gathered in a marquee for the ceremony. So great was the crush that those who were to sit on the platform could only get to it through a hole cut in the marquee. 36 06 02 & a Gladstone tree at Newnham College recalled – 37 02 13b

1937 04 29

Parts of Newnham College known as 'The Slums' include a number of small dark bedrooms which get no light at all and from which the view consists of a blank wall. Owing to congestion and overcrowding these are now used as students' bed-sitting-rooms. Some bathrooms are used for washing crockery and there is insufficient accommodation for food and coal storage. But some new rooms are large and light with basins fitted with hot and cold water. 37 04 29b

1937 05 31

About 2,000 people gathered on Grange Road Rifle Range to see a display of first aid by the British Red Cross Society under air raid conditions. Three bombers from Duxford took part in the raid, exactly as though on active service. As they dived at speeds of 240 mph there were realistic bangs and clouds of smoke. People in the area rushed about screaming and collapsed wounded or from the effects of the gas. When the raid was over the rescue parties, clad in gas masks and decontamination suits commenced work. A musketry party fired on the 'planes during the raid 37 05 31

1937 07 07

Elm disease has attacked some of the trees along the Backs at Cambridge. Some have been topped and others are definitely going bad. But experts believe the disease is not so serious as first feared. A number of trees have recovered and there is no need to be in a hurry to fell those which have been affected. At Sheep's Green and Coe Fen the trees are chiefly willows but some are not as happy as they might be. They could be replaced by cricket bat willows which are pretty trees and the most profitable grown at present, a Forestry expert told Rotarians. 37 07 07b

1937 10 18

Cambridge University Officers Training Corps gave a demonstration at the Grange Road rifle range. It opened with a display by the Vickers machine gun section followed by mortars laying a smoke screen. Cavalry were in action reconnoitring and dummy-thrusting with swords while communication

by wireless and cable was also shown. A spectacular display of demolishing a bridge was followed by a battery action by two 18-pounder field guns. Visitors could inspect the equipment and try out an army gas mask in the gas chamber. 37 10 18

1937 12 15

Cambridge Photographic Club's annual competition was 'Street characters and customs'. There were interesting entries depicting well-known characters and street scenes. Graham Turner submitted a picture of 'William Davis, pedlar', Capt C.G.M. Hatfield was awarded a certificate for a photograph of 'Banjo Joe', a familiar figure on the Backs, while Graham Turner and T.E. Collier were praised for their entries 37 12 15c

1938 02 28

Sir Frederick Hiam, a former High Sheriff, died at his residence, Grange Road. He was best-known as an agriculturalist, acquiring many farmers in the Eastern Counties after 1910. He was Director of Vegetable Supplies in the Ministry of Food 1918-21 and toured the Colonies, being knighted for his services. He took a great interest in skating, winning the 220 yards word championship in 1895 in record time and was president of Cambridge Town Football Club. He was a member of the Ouse Drainage Board and chairman of three Drainage Commissioners. His funeral will take place at Ely, where Lady Hiam was laid to rest three weeks ago. 38 02 28

1938 03 01

Charles Edmund Brock, the artist, died at his residence in Grange Road. He was chiefly known as a water colour artist and book illustrator, including novels by Charles Dickens and Jane Austen and also did a fair amount of work for 'Punch'. He painted portraits of University worthies, several being exhibited at the Royal Academy, and two portraits of former Mayors, Ald Spalding and Ald Sinker, hung in the Guildhall before the rebuilding. His brother H.M. Brock, another artist, lives nearby. 38 03 01

1938 03 24

Nutt Motor Co moves from Newnham to Hills Road – 38 03 24

1938 08 12

Queen Mary named the first block of the new buildings at Newnham College after Professor and Mrs Fawcett and their daughter Philippa. It was at the Fawcett's house in December 1869 that the first meeting was held to discuss plans which resulted in the foundation of the college. Twenty-one years later Miss Philippa Fawcett justified her parents' faith by being placed above the Senior Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos. She was amongst the guests and was presented to the Queen who has taken the keenest interest in the College 38 08 12

1938 09 01

New roundabout junction Fen Causeway & Barton Rd - pic – 38 09 01

1938 10 01

The Mayor said he'd received a telegram that plans to evacuate London children had been cancelled. Later he got another saying they were on their way. They arrived in three motor coaches, the children's ages ranging from six weeks to four years. Accommodation was found at Homerton and Newnham College. Their mothers left the children, aged from six weeks to four years, to the tender mercies of students and returned to London. Today the babies have rejoined their mothers, which is a very happy solution. 38 10 01

1938 12 05

A pavilion erected in memory of H.G. Comber and W.F. Smith was opened on the University Hockey Ground, Barton Road. Comber had been captain of the University side in 1893, chairman of the council of the Hockey Association and first President of the Eastern Counties Association formed in

1908 while Mr Smith had been its Secretary for many years and had played for England from 1911-21. Inside is a case containing a collection of old hockey and bandy sticks 38 12 05

1939 01 07

Cambridge Town & County Lawn Tennis club to have last season on existing ground in Madingley Road and Wilberforce Road; will move to fine ground nearer centre town with 16 to 20 first-class grass and one hard court 39 01 07

1939 01 11

The aconites are coming up in the Spinney, the little triangular bit of woodland at the end of Burrell's Walk with the Binn brook running through it. When old Mr Whitaker was a boy it was a pretty stream fringed with rushes and haunted by butterflies. He watched a fresh water mussel creeping over the mud at the bottom of the ditch and remembers boys used to catch cray fish to sell to St John's kitchens. In February 1919 came a great snowfall which led to Garrett Hostel Lane being flooded from end to end and the boys were climbing along the railings from the Queens Road to the Bridge. 39 01 11b

1939 01 12

Much opposition to women taking holy orders came from a spirit of trade unionism among the clergy, a conference at Ridley Hall was told. The present position was illogical: women were allowed to give addresses, but seldom to preach and were not permitted to use the pulpit. The ministry of the Sacrament was denied, the priesthood was forbidden. Women had intelligence and wit worthy to be matched against the finest masculine brains and had to receive the opportunity to make full use of their God-given powers. But if they came crowding into the church it would bring competition for male clergy – a job that though poorly paid was safe and still fairly respectable. 39 01 12

1939 03 07

Cambridge & District Town Planning scheme inquiry heard that Grantchester Meadows, a large area of land between Cambridge and Coton, the University Farm and land at the Gog Magog Hills had been safeguarded. An area of 160 acres near Trumpington should be reserved for a municipal golf course. But at Rectory Farm, Milton the field the Corporation wanted to take was the only old pasture on the farm and the tenant had 21 cows and a bull. If he had to give it up it would take 10 years before the grass would be useful for milking purposes 39 03 07a

1939 05 06

Dorothy Garrod of Newnham College elected first woman professor of Cambridge University – women are not officially members of the university and have no gowns – 39 05 06

1939 09 02

An important announcement from Cambridge bakers. As new Acts have been applied to the baking trade, Master Bakers have agreed to provide a shorter working week for employees. We have decided not to bake or deliver bread on Thursdays. Signed: J. Harwood of Derby St, W.H. Pratt of Halifax Road, G.P. Hawkins of Parsonage Street, A.E. Mason of Trumpington Street together with Tylers, Maskell, Markillie, Horspool, Summerlin and over 20 other bakers. [advert] 39 09 02a

1939 09 04

Fenners cricket ground was opened in 1846 but there have been only three groundsmen, Tom Parmenter who remained to 1862, Walter Watts and Dan Hayward who took over in 1908. He has also been custodian of the University Football and Hockey Grounds. His father used to look over the Rugger and Soccer pitches on Parker's Piece where they played until the Grange Road ground opened in 1896 and the two clubs amalgamated. Dan's own sport is cricket and he once took all ten wickets for 32 runs, though he considers his nine wickets for eight runs against Bury to be his best performance. Now he is retiring 36 09 04a

1939 09 11

Newnham youngsters at paddling pool with gas masks –photo – 39 09 11a

1939 11 13

Haymaking on Grange Road rifle range – photo – 39 07 06 Horace George Gray was the son of the founder of H.J. Gray, sports good manufacturers. Early premises were in Grange Road and firm later moved to Benson Street – 39 11 13b

1939 12 01

A Clare College undergraduate told the Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal that he hoped to do psychological work. The idea had come into his head while working in a Basque children's camp when he noticed that many of them had a king of fit at the sound of an aeroplane. He was registered on condition he continued his studies. A shop assistant from Hinton Avenue, who was a lay reader in the Methodist Church, was registered on condition he undertook agricultural work. A man from Fulbrooke Road objected on religious grounds; he was a research physicist at the Cavendish Laboratory while a King's College graduate appealed on moral grounds. He was prepared and anxious to perform non-combatant service. 39 12 01d & e

1939 12 06

Newnham College students instructed in use of stirrup pump – photo – 39 12 06

1939 12 09

Call to the colours: thousands of young men registered for military service – old Church Schools Newnham - photo – 39 12 09

1940 01 27

Skating at Newnham – photo taken fortnight ago, blocked due censorship – 40 01 27a

1940 02 09

Death of Professor Hickson. One of the leading authorities in the world on his own subject, the study of certain branches of undersea life, Professor Sydney John Hickson, died at his home at 26 Barton Road, Cambridge, after a short illness. He was 91 years of age. 40 02 09 CIP

1940 09 09

Pilot Hugh Ellis, Fulbrooke Road, missing – 40 09 09b

1940 09 23

Man killed by army truck, Bulstrode Gardens – 40 09 23a

1941 03 21

Shelling out with a vengeance. From Mrs. Joshua Barnard, of Barton Road, Haslingfield (writes Watchman) I have had this interesting letter—Dear Watchman, I've a hen that has laid three large eggs, one every third day. The measurements are 9½ inches round lengthwise, 7 inches round the centre; they weigh 6 ounces each. Is this a record? I wonder if any one of my readers can equal or surpass this.

1941 04 25

Interesting Trumpington Wedding. The wedding took place quietly at Trumpington Church on Saturday of Francis Wingate William Pemberton, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pemberton, of Trumpington Hall, and Diana Patricia Woods, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Salisbury Woods, of St. John's House, Grange Road. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A.B. Wright (Vicar of Trumpington) and the Rev. C. C. H James, late vicar of St. Giles'. Dr. H.S. Middleton (Trinity College) was at the organ, and the Trumpington choir led the singing. The bride was given away by her father. 41 04 25

1941 12 05

Death of D. R. C. Gillie. — Many in Cambridge will regret to learn of the death, which took place suddenly in London on Saturday, of the Rev. R. C. Gillie. One of the most noted Free Church preachers in the country, Dr. Gillie, who was 75 years of age, had resided in Cambridge for the past two years, and though retired from the active ministry, was still in great demand as a speaker and preacher. His modern outlook and vigorous personality endeared him to many friends. A fire watcher in his little group on Barton Close, Dr. Gillie would have been on duty the night before he died. 41 12 05

1942 09 25

Did he escape from Singapore? Among the Cambridge men reported missing when Singapore fell was Sapper William Hall, of 178 King's Hedges Road, Cambridge. His wife has now received news from a Mrs. Harradine of 13 Owlstone Road, Cambridge, that her husband was amongst those who made their escape from the Japanese. It will be remembered that the escape of Mrs Harradine's husband. Lt. R. R. L Harradine was reported last March. Mrs. Harradine has now received a letter from her husband saying that Sapper Hall was with him when he got away from Singapore. Mrs. Hall, however, has heard nothing from her husband, and is endeavouring to get in touch with him 42 09 25

1942 12 11

Former Vicar of Meldreth. - Many mourners from Christchurch, near Wisbech, and from Meldreth, were present at Little St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Monday afternoon for the funeral of the Rev. Percy Harvey, who died at his home at Grantchester Meadows, Cambridge, on Friday. Mr. Harvey, who was in his 82nd year, was for 37 years vicar of Meldreth, and for the past three years or so had been doing duty at Christchurch, in the absence on war service of the vicar. While returning from a service one night, he lost his way in the black-out, and fell into a dyke. He sustained a shock from which he never recovered. 42 12 11

1943 02 19

Sturgeon caught In the Cam - Mayor Newton, of Cambridge, tells in a diary, under the date of June 11, 1680, of a fine sturgeon being caught in the Cam (says Watchman). Here is the entry condensed and in modern English: "At the back of Alderman Dickinson's house in Cambridge next to the causeway between Small Bridges and Newnham, against Felmonger's Pits, was taken in a casting net, by a fisherman named Coward, a sturgeon near two yards long measured by my Japan cane. I saw it measured, and it was very near two lengths of my cane, which, with its ivory handle, is Bear a yard long. The waters were then pretty high, and the place where the fish was caught about four feet deep."

1943 04 02

Death of Sir Havilland Hiley. The death occurred in a London nursing home on Tuesday of Sir Havilland Hiley, the Eastern Regional Traffic Commissioner. His home was at 14 Madingley Road, Cambridge, but he had been in London for a short time for medical treatment. In East Anglia, Sir Havilland was best known as Chairman of the Eastern Area Traffic Tribunal, with its headquarters at Sussex House, Cambridge, having been appointed when tribunals were set up all over the country in 1931. An acknowledged expert on transport matters, he gained, much of his early experience with the London and North-Eastern Railway, which he joined in 1891. (It was then the G.E.R.). He held responsible posts at York, Hull and Newcastle and, from 1905-8 was Passenger Member of the Great Northern Railway in London. 43 04 02

1943 07 24

Jack Overhill junior dives from tree at Grantchester Meadows – 43 07 24a

1944 07 13

Fire guards from Newnham and Grange Road extinguish real incendiary bombs with stirrup pumps in exercise – 44 07 13

1944 09 08

Promoted Head Postmaster. The many friends of Mr. J. Moir, postal superintendent at Cambridge will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted head postmaster of Sudbury, and will take over his new duties at an early date. Mr Moir who lives at 30 Marlowe Road, Newnham, began his postal career at Montrose, Scotland, and came to Cambridge 34 years ago. He served from 1914-19 in the Great War in England, France and Salonica. Since then he has passed through the successive grades of official promotion, becoming overseer, assistant superintendent and postal superintendent.

1944 10 26

Garret Hostel Bridge ‘an ugly blot on the Backs’ should be rebuild as war memorial – 44 10 26b

1945 03 09

Kit store supervisor – When the gunners go to war from the Middle East the man in whose safekeeping they leave their most treasured possessions (writes a Military Observer) is Gunner Alfred Barrett, whose home is at 28 Hope Street, Mill Road: Cambridge. He is clerk and supervisor at the kit store of the Middle East, B.D.R.A., and the largest military kit store out there. At the present moment he is helping to look after the baggage of many regiments, and over 5,000 miscellaneous kits in addition. "Batches" of letters from home, photos, watches and 'civvy' clothing, is what the boys are most anxious should be kept safely for them," Gunner Barrett said recently. Before the war he was college porter at Downing College. Cambridge. He joined the Army in October. 1940, and went out to the Middle East in July. 1942. He has served with the 53rd A/Tank Regiment, but went to B.D.R.A when he was medically downgraded. He is married and has two daughters, Anne, aged ten and Judith, seven. His mother is Mrs A.W. Barrett of 22 Derby Street, Newnham, Cambridge

1945 05 04

Business Houses Football League. The Business Houses Football League Championship has been won on goal average by Madingley Road Sports, having secured the title from Pye Radio, who had been leading the field for so long. Both have 14 points from 10 games but the Sports have scored 48 goals against 26, compared with Pye's 41 against 24. In the match which decided the championship the sports beat their colleagues from Bourn by the odd goal of five. 45 05 04

1945 05 11

VE celebrations –45 05 11a; Beaconsfield Hall children, Sturton St, Cowper Rd, Norwich St – 45 05 16; Perne Ave, Mowbray Road, Beche Rd, Norfolk St – 45 05 18; Hobart Rd, Bradmore St, Russell St – 45 05 19b; Young St, Gonville Road & Charles St, Cam Causeway, Gt Eastern St – 45 02 22a; Ditton Fields, Romsey Women Conservatives, Suez Rd, Covent Garden, Eden St – 45 05 23; York St, Thoday St, Kingston St, Northampton St, Cherry Hinton – 45 05 24; Hills Ave, City Rd, Cavendish Rd, Malta Rd – 45 05 25; Mowbray Rd, Willow Walk, Springfield Rd, Kelvin Close – 45 05 26b; New St, Chesterton High St – 45 05 28a; Cockburn St, Newnham Croft, Madras Rd, Henley Road & Coldham's Lane – 45 05 30; Barnwell, Wellington St, Fitzroy St, Devonshire Rd – 45 05 30b; children entertained Cherry Hinton, Fairfax Rd – 45 06 02; Vinery Rd, Eastfield – 45 06 04; Catherine St, Ditton Walk, Union Lane – 45 06 05; Gwydir St, Abbey (East) – 45 06 06; Meadowlands Estate, Argyle St, Hope St, De Freville Estate – 45 06 07; Ross St, Hemingford Rd, Green End Rd, Staffordshire St, Selwyn Rd, Coldham's Grove, Coldham's Lane, Akeman St – 45 06 11; Brooks Rd, Sedgwick St, Langham Rd, Oxford Rd, Haig Road, Chesterton – 45 06 13a; Windsor Rd, Stretton Ave, Kimberley Rd, Abbey Road, Walnut Tree Ave, Brookfields – 45 06 18; Trumpington, Mansfield Hall – 45 06 19; Cavendish Ave, Hinton Ave, Hope Hall for Deaf – 45 06 21a; Histon Rd children – 45 06 30; St Peter's St, Greens Rd – 45 07 10

1945 05 26

Council for Preservation of Rural England gravely concerned that factories placed on Madingley Road – 45 05 26

1945 05 30

Madingley Road factories – was essential that Sebro should be built at the most convenient point for the surrounding aerodromes. The building, working and running of the factory meant a great deal of energy and terrific amount of worry; when built was one of a chain of shadow factories; repaired bombers; was built in wrong place from workers' point of view – should have been built near backs and then Trinity could have been used as a hostel, saving long journeys to work. That part of Madingley Road is hardly a beauty spot – letters – 45 05 30b

1945 07 22

Fire Force Netball. A team of Cambridge firewomen, representing No. 12 (Stevenage) Fire Force, won the N.F.S. All-England Net-ball Championship on Saturday, when the semi-final and final were played on the Amalgamation ground, Queens Road, Cambridge. In the semi-finals No. 26 (Liverpool) defeated No. 4 (Leeds) by 15-13 while No. 12 scored a 17-14 victory over No. 31 (Brighton). The Cambridge girls left nothing to chance in the final and notched 22 goals against Liverpool's nine. The winning team comprised: AGO H. M. Cornwall (captain), A.G.O. D. B F. Pamby, L.-Fw. J. M. Collins, Fw. V. M. Leigh, Fw. R. Finbow. Fw. P. Anderton, and Fw. P. Coxhead (reserve). 45 07 22

1945 08 29

VJ Parties – Eden St, Cherry Hinton Rd, Chestnut Grove – 45 08 29; Queen Edith's Way, Ditton Fields – 45 09 04; Young St, Petworth St, Geldart St, Marshall Rd – 45 09 04; Darwin Drive, Stretton Ave, Victoria St, Hobart Rd, Adam & Eve St – 45 09 07b; Gloucester St, Castle St, Ashfield Rd – 45 09 10; Gilbert Rd, King's Hedges Rd, Ditton Fields – 45 09 11; Lichfield Rd, Cromwell Park estate, Hawthorn Rd – 45 09 12; Catharine St, Kendal Way – 45 09 14; York St & York Terrace, Brooks Road, Gold St – 45 09 17d# Bateson Rd, Garden Walk, Argyle St, St Philip's Rd, Sedgwick St, Holbrook Rd, Mowbray Rd – 45 09 18; Akeman St, James St, Parsonage St, Vinery Rd, Kingston St, Kingston St, Mowbray Rd, Hurst Park Estate – 45 09 20; Eastfield, New St, Kelvin Close – 45 09 24a; Hertford St, St John's Rd, Norwich St, Alpha Terrace, Sherlock Rd – 45 09 27a# c.45.7
Premier Travel take over services of F.E. Weeden of Chrishall – 45 08 30; Silverwood Close, Newmarket Road, Fallowfield, Fen Rd, Water St, Mowbray Rd – 45 10 04a; Cavendish Rd, Stourbridge Grove, Fulbourn Rd, Bradmore St, Petersfield, Gwydir St, Newnham Croft, Scotland Rd, Scotland Close – 45 10 08; Suez Rd, Hale Ave, Harvey Goodwin Ave, Glebe Rd, Radegund Rd, Golding Rd – 45 10 10; Selwyn Rd, Abbey Estate, De Freville Ave, Stanley Rd – 45 10 12a; Milton Rd, Thoday St – 45 10 18

1945 09 07

Royal Visit. Two young Ethiopian Princes, both direct descendants of the Emperor, paid a private visit to Cambridge on Saturday, when they were guests of the Vice-Chancellor. The Royal visitors were Prince Sachie Salassie, the 15-year-old son of the Emperor, and Prince Alexander Desta, aged 11, a son of the Emperor's daughter. They arrived at Trinity at midday, where they were received by Mr. A. Marcos, a third year Ethiopian student at the college, before meeting the Vice-Chancellor at Emmanuel and going on to lunch at the University Arms Hotel. With Dr. Hele and Mrs. Hele at the lunch were Mr. Zaude (Secretary of the Ethiopian Ministry in London), Professor Jevons (English Adviser to the Ministry), Mr. P. W. Duff (of Trinity) and Mr. A. Marcos. During the afternoon the Princes toured the University with Mr. Duff as guide, and when they arrived back at Trinity they were shown round by the Vice-Master (Mr. D. A. Winstanley). An informal tea followed in Mr. Marcos' rooms. Mr. Marcos, who is the only Ethiopian representative in Cambridge, was previously chaplain to the Royal household at Bath. Professor Jevons is the founder of the Abyssinian Association, and was one of the Emperor's confidential advisers while he was in England. The young princes, who are at present in London, are going to school in Scotland in September. Another relative Princess Aida, sister of Prince Alexander, will be coming to Cambridge to study at Newnham

1945 12 23

Tank kills student at junction Newnham Rd & Queen's Road – 45 10 23; inquest – 45 10 25, 45 11 30

1946 02 16

Mounting stone on Backs was being used by RAF mechanics as an anvil; was moved to Fellow's Garden of King's and will be returned – 46 02 16a

1946 09 09

Squatters occupy old 'ack ack' site Long Road, at 'Leighton' Trumpington Rd and Madingley Rd huts that NFS HQ; had been empty for a year and were to have been taken over by Ministry of Works for milk testing – 46 09 09

1947 03 14

Cambridge has been hit today by some of the worst flooding for 30 years. The rapidly rising and flowing river has invaded riverside homes, Midsummer Common and other open spaces are flooded, there have been fears for the safety of Silver Street Bridge, and there is no sign of any diminution of the abnormal flow. There is an unconfirmed report that the Byron's Pool sluice has broken, and Grantchester Meadows and the "Backs" are completely under water. Silver Street was closed to all traffic during the morning. There were fears that the rush of water would seriously affect the foundations of the bridge. Street lighting was switched on in Linton when residents of houses in Meadow Lane and Chapel Terrace made a hurried evacuation of their waterlogged homes. The water rose to well over knee-deep but was subsiding this morning. At Sawston the sub-power station was marooned and electricity was cut off this morning. The Great North Road beyond Brampton is under water and the A.A. scout at Brampton cross roads was "up to his knees" at his post this morning

1947 08 27

Sir - a recent letter in defence of present punt charges prompts me to indulge in some mathematical calculation. At a large boathouse on the upper river I counted seventy punts recently. On any fine summer afternoon there is usually a queue waiting to hire them. Assume that each punt is hired for three hours only at 3s. per hour, and it must be clear that the weekly turn-over must be approximately £200. Deduct from this the wages of four men (say £25), allow £25 for running costs and there is a clear profit of £150 per week - J.A. Parkinson, Newnham Rd, Cambridge

1947 10 01

The Chief Constable (B.N. Bebbington) told Cambridge Rotary Club that he would like to see a scheme whereby traffic was banned - at least buses and heavy traffic - in the centre of Cambridge. "In Petty Cury on Saturdays there is insufficient room for traffic, let alone pedestrians. It would be more satisfactory if that central part of the town was for pedestrian traffic only. That is a sweeping thing to say and will not find favour in all quarters". Referring to criticism that the one-way traffic scheme soon to be introduced in the centre of town was "the wrong way round" he explained that it diverted from the town centre the large amount of traffic going to the station from the Chesterton direction and would encourage lorry drivers passing through Cambridge to take the route through the Backs. More car parks in the centre of the town were obviously a need, and there were plans in existence to provide them

1948 03 10

An accident at the junction of Madingley Road, Queen's Road and Northampton Street, Cambridge between an American 2½ ton lorry and an articulated lorry was so violent that it took nearly 2½ hours to part the two vehicles. A heavy lorry driver said he was coming to the junction from Queens' Road an American vehicle coming from the opposite direction of Northampton Street collided with his lorry, knocking it across the road. Witnesses told the court it had taken 2½ hours to part the lorries. Various methods were tried including an American crane pulling one way and a 3½ ton lorry another, using an electric welder, but in the end the trailer of the articulated lorry had to be taken off and the two vehicles prised apart

1948 05 19

Fears about Cambridge's famous "Backs" being incorporated in a Trunk Road system were expressed at a County Council meeting and one member declared that if the amenities of the "Backs" were spoilt the "whole feeling of the town" would be altered. The committee requested the Minister of Transport to expedite the construction of a ring road so as to relieve the "Backs" of through traffic

1948 06 18

Cambridge Town Council discussed proposals for the future of the disused factory site at Madingley Road. Ald Wilding said he was under the impression when the works were first erected early in the war that the Ministry had given an assurance of their removal within a reasonable time. He was therefore surprised to see that other buildings were to be erected in their place. Counc. Mrs Rackham spoke of the damage already done to that approach to Cambridge and asked if the buildings were to be used for atomic energy research. If so the Council had already granted 200 acres in Barton road for that purpose

1948 08 18

Flying a proctor light aircraft Mrs Richarda Morrow-Tait of Cambridge set out from Marshall's airport on her attempt to be the first woman to fly a light aircraft round the world. She was accompanied by her navigator and co-pilot Mr Michael Townsend of Cranmer Road, Cambridge. They carried only a minimum amount of baggage but included in it was a .303 rifle and ammunition, as part of the flight will be over uninhabited territory. Maps and baggage stowed away, including some sandwiches cut for Mrs Morrow-Tait by her husband the two climbed into the aircraft. Her husband said, "She is a wonderful person, full of courage and determination. The machine is an ex-RAF aircraft which has been thoroughly overhauled and fitted with a reconditioned engine.

1948 09 04

There are now over 41,000 wireless licences in the Cambridge postal area. This represents one licence to every 4.5 members of the population. A recent Post Office survey shows that in some streets like Eltisley Avenue and Alpha Road, almost every house has a wireless licence, while in others only one in three is in possession. Post office officials are still finding a number of unlicensed sets and a further "comb" is being instituted for the purpose of detecting the holders of illicit sets

1948 10 23

Everyone will agree that Cambridge is very "full". The railways have had a particularly busy time. "We always prepare for a heavy October", said one official, "but the amount of luggage this term has been abnormal, especially bicycles, which are not easy things to handle in bulk". There is now the record number of 7,500 undergraduates in residence, a thousand more than this time last year. This is accounted for to some extent by the admission of Newnham and Girton to the University, but there are something like 400 more men. "This is a peak year", according to Mr E. Welbourne of Emmanuel, who does not think that a major decrease can be expected until 1951-2

1948 10 27

One amusing incident of the Queen's visit to Cambridge, certainly not intended for the record, was the rather surprising use to which several of the dons were seen to put their gowns whilst waiting to be presented at the Newnham college gates. Having inadvertently trodden on the red carpet they were observed hastily wiping off their footmarks with the corner of their gowns!

1948 12 16

Captain C.R. Benstead, senior proctor of the University, spoke of the lighter side of proctoring. He said; "How do we know a Girton or Newnham girl when we see one in the dark without a gown? One night we espied a girl of transcending beauty wheeling a very academic-looking bicycle. We picked her up – in the proctorial sense! – only to discover later that she was a bus conductress!"

1949 07 20

People living in the vicinity of Newnham College have watched with interest the building operations being carried out there. The new porters' lodge will take the place of the original entrance – with its beautiful bronze gates – in Newnham Walk. Over it is the college's first real lecture room, lectures having previously been given in the main hall. The building is extremely modern in style and provides an interesting break in Sidgwick Avenue

1949 11 29

Damage believed approaching £900,000 was done when fire destroyed several thousand of finished wireless sets, 300-400 television sets and numerous components stored in a hangar rented by Pye Ltd at the former stereo works in Madingley Road. A director said: "Many of the sets were for export. Included in the stock destroyed were several thousand television cabinets. Some of our telecommunication equipment was also stored there, including a complete set of blind landing equipment due to be shipped today"

1950 03 23

A feature of this season's Cambridge ladies hockey club is that it includes three sets of twins, from the Harris, Macleod and Cook families. The club started over 50 years ago on one of Mr Nutter's fields at Grantchester but moved to the paddock at Pinehurst. They now play on the Perse girls school ground. Past members of the club include Miss Rose Macaulay, the authoress, Miss Irene Flanders and Miss Margaret Field Hyde, both well-known in the musical world.

1950 07 03

Several properties changed hands at auction. The Station Garage, Linton, sold at £2,750. Nos.54 Herbert Street & 231 Victoria Rd, Cambridge, made £1500 and £1,110 respectively. No.91 Mawson Road, Cambridge, sold for £900 and no.8 Selwyn Gardens was withdrawn at £5,750 and is now for sale by public treaty

1950 07 29

At the opening of the new Headquarters of Newnham British Legion, behind the Hat & Feathers in Kings Road, Cambridge the Mayor criticised those who allowed one or two "old sweats" to get on with the work. "Remember that some of we 'old sweats' do not grow any younger and it is up to you to bring along the right type of younger sweat to take over the heat and burden of the day. That is the only way you can be absolutely sure of the continuity of the work of the British Legion", he said

1950 11 18

An unseen stationary radar 'eye' checked the speed of vehicles on the Madingley Road during the last fortnight. The 'eye' belonged to a 'radar speed meter', an American device which is having its first full-scale operational test in England. A small green van on the roadside house the equipment. The 'eye' was concealed in an ordinary cardboard box on top of the vehicle.

1951 02 26

A number of proposals to alleviate Cambridge's parking problem have been compiled by the Chamber of Commerce. They include the triangular site on the corner of Silver Street & Queens Road used as a military car park during the war; the site on Trumpington Road formerly occupied by army huts but now in temporary occupation by squatters; at Castle Street opposite the Shire Hall and also on Butts Green during the building operations at Lion Yard.

1951 04 26

To be Water Lane, Chesterton, or to be Malting Lane, Chesterton was the question which faced Cambridge magistrates when two housewives came to court to object to the proposal to rename it. They said correspondence for Malting Lane, Newnham was never received if the word Chesterton was on the envelope. The Town Clerk said Water Lane would be associated with the adjoining Water Street. The magistrates felt it for the best and would make an order confirming the change.

1951 05 01

Over the last few decades St John's college grounds in the Backs have suffered severely from the loss of trees by decay, storm damage and elm disease. A survey showed there were many trees so diseased that they might fall down at any time, including most of those in the remains of the Avenue leading to Queens Road. A comprehensive scheme for replanting has been adopted. In place of the former elms a new avenue of limes will be planted.

1951 05 08

The Whipple Museum of the History of Science was opened by the Vice Chancellor. The collection was presented to the University in 1944 and was stored in boxes in the Fitzwilliam Museum until 1948. It was at first proposed to create a museum in the former Shorts Factory on Madingley Road, but this was rendered unusable after Pye's fire. The present premises in Corn Exchange Street became available in May last year and it has at last been possible to show a large part of the collection. Amongst the guests was Mr Robert S. Whipple, the founder of the collection.

1951 06 02

"One would like Cambridge to have one outlet where people could walk out and get straight into the country" Dr G.M. Trevelyan, Master of Trinity College, told the Council for the Preservation of Rural England. He advocated the desirability of leaving the west side of Cambridge free from development and preserve it as countryside. This was injured to some extent by the erection of a factory on the Madingley Road and though this was partly destroyed during the war there is a danger since it still stands.

1951 08 04

Sir – the Cambridge Backs are unfortunately no more – at all events in their full glory of the giant and venerable trees. If King's College chapel should disappear from the scene untold photographic representations of it would remain, but of these giant monuments of the past there is little. To fill the void I have reproduced in picture postcard form a photograph of my own. There may be many persons who have walked under the shadow of these great trees of the Backs and I could arrange for it to be on sale. – Sir Henry McAnally

1951 10 29

Air Ministry proposals to use the Stella Maris nursing home to accommodate members of an Inter-Services course learning Russian at the University was described as a "scandal". It was admirably equipped for use as a hospital, has accommodation for 40 patients, two completely equipped operating theatres and could relieve the 2,000-strong waiting list at Addenbrooke's Hospital. A proposal by the Ministry to acquire the Heritage guest house in Silver Street and 9, Newnham Terrace, Cambridge, had not gone through after college freeholders had 'dug their heels in'.

1951 11 01

The golden jubilee of the Gog Magog Golf Club was celebrated with a dinner at the Dorothy Café. Guest of honour was Mr Bernard Darwin, the famous authority on the game who was an early member of the club when an undergraduate at Trinity College. Recalling his early golfing days he mentioned some of the local courses, including one on Coldham's Common, one at Coton and another "somewhere near the Grange Road". The Gogs club was founded for the recreation of the senior members of the University and the first rules provided that the number of undergraduates permitted to play should not interfere with the convenience and enjoyment of the senior members of the University.

1952 01 26

The County Council considered the development of Swann's Lime Pits, Cherry Hinton, as an armament testing range and research establishment. Coun Rackham deplored the possibility of explosions taking place at the back of the adjoining school. As well as the noise the blast runs along the ground and shakes doors and windows. People have had to replace ceilings that have been shaken

down. It was suggested the company use their explosives on the huts up Madingley Road where they would soon clear the ground and everything would be lovely.

1952 07 05

Cambridge University announced proposals to erect a number of new buildings for the arts faculties between Sidgwick Avenue and West Road. It will provide accommodation in the first instance for the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, Economics and Politics, English and Moral Sciences. At a later stage the scheme will provide for museums and a lecture theatre to seat 1,000 students constructed to permit its use for musical or dramatic productions. It is not possible to say when work will begin.

1952 07 19

I was very sorry to learn of the death of Mr A.E. Reeve of Grantchester Street, Cambridge whose articles brought to light many fascinating historical facts about Cambridge through the ages. His interest in old Cambridge began with the burning down of Grantchester Mill well over 20 years ago which roused the interest of the London newspapers who were guilty of some inaccuracies which 'A.E.R.' felt bound to point out. He acquired a mass of literature and became probably the most knowledgeable man on Cambridge and its past. Eminent members of the University often came to him for information. His elder son, Mr Frank Reeve, is continuing with his researches.

1952 09 01

With a fanfare from six scarlet-suited trumpeters Cambridge's third Trades Fair on Midsummer Common was opened. Immediately afterwards the Mayor went to the Interflora stand and sent a basket of roses by air to the Mayor of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Three local firms, Messrs Biggs of Peas Hill, Messrs J. Rogers of Newnham and Messrs Ridgeon's of Sussex Street, pooled their dollar allocations to provide the roses for America. In the first six hours 12,642 people paid for admission

1952 11 05

Much of the congestion in the central area of Cambridge could be dealt with by providing car parks in the right places rather than the provision of extra circulatory routes the Chief Constable told the Development Plan inquiry. Closing of Magdalene Street would inevitably lead to an increased use of the Backs and the proposed spine relief road would not afford relief to traffic in the city centre. The police had received many complaints concerning the amount of noise at Drummer Street bus station late at night. By moving it to New Square this objection would be alleviated

1952 11 24

There was confirmation from Newmarket of the Cambridge flying saucer report. Mr J. Beirne reported seeing 'a definite circular object while cycling along Madingley Road, Cambridge. Now comes a report from a bus conductor of seeing a 'bright cigar-shaped object' flying at great speed at Newmarket. It gave out an orange-coloured tint and was fire by three small tappets at the rear. There have been isolated cases of practical demonstrations of guided missiles being carried out in the Mildenhall area and on the Norfolk coast. These guided weapons are known to be capable of speeds over 2,000 m.p.h.

1953 02 04

Varsity, the university student magazine, reports that the rooms in women's colleges may be poky, unsuitably furnished and dimly lighted but they are not dowdy. At Newnham all the rooms are attractive but dim lighting and inadequate heating are the main faults and there is a dearth of food cupboards. Male visitors may be shocked to see that their hostess keeps food and crockery in her wardrobe together with damp towels and that the desk drawers contain undies. At Girton some rooms contain antique furnishings which give an air of luxury but others are completely modern with unique mobiles and original paintings by Avante Garde artists.

1953 02 10

Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Home Office, visited W.V.S. centres in Cambridge. He saw American airmen working alongside British civilians in sorting and packing hundreds of articles which are still being received for the East Coast Flood victims. 500 blankets were sent today from Cambridge to Yarmouth where many people are going back to their homes. The hangar at Madingley Road which has been opened as a receiving centre is so packed with clothing and bedding that the heads of students working there are touching the roof.

1953 02 14

Bad weather delayed the Royal Car when Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother came to Cambridge to visit depots where clothing is being stored for East Coast flood victims. She visited the hangar on Madingley Road in which is stacked some 400 tons of clothing sent by post, road and rail from all parts of the country. There she watched undergraduates unloading lorries, saw the clothing being sorted and then went to the canteen where she accepted a beaker of tea, declining sugar. Then she walked into the open to see the Soya boilers used to provide hot meals. During part of the time in the shed Her Majesty was under the glare of television cameras which were recording the proceedings

1953 03 12

If you have a few hours to spare any day – including Sundays – you will be welcome at the W.V.S. depot at Madingley Road, Cambridge. There in the huge wartime aircraft hangar a big job still awaits. The surge of generosity following the East Coast floods produced vast quantities of clothing of all kinds and the boxes and bundles are stacked to the roof. They need to be sorted and prepared for despatch. The building is bright and warm and an amplification system is in operation to provide music while you work. A midday meal is provided and a sandwich tea in the afternoon but the reward is to see the lorries leaving every day loaded with neat, clearly-labelled packages which will help to ease the burden of families whose possessions were destroyed in a single night.

1953 04 25

Does anybody want the façade of the Old Shire Hall, which is being demolished? The County Council has asked the City Council if they would like it, but the reply is ‘No, thank you’. It will be interesting to see if the County offers it elsewhere. Erection of new street lighting on the main roads is proceeding apace and is to be extended to Queens Road, better known as ‘The Backs’. This new lighting should add to the attractiveness of this famous beauty spot.

1953 04 28

Cambridge council approved building licences to Mr E. Maloney for five shops, twelve flats and a garage at the junction of Perne Road and Radegund Road, at a total cost not exceeding £29,300 & to the Norwich Union Insurance Societies for a block of 20 flats at Pinehurst, Grange Road. A tender is being negotiated for building 24 three-storey concrete flats on land fronting High Street, Cherry Hinton and 72 three-storey flats overlooking the Coleridge Road recreation ground. The names of Nightingale Avenue, Almoners Avenue and Kinnaird Way have been suggested for streets on the Netherhall Estate

1953 05 01

Cambridge councillors approved a scheme for replacing gas lamps with sodium lighting along ‘The Backs’. Ald Hickson wanted assurance this would not be a prelude to Queens Road becoming a trunk road. It was becoming more frequently used. But the beauty was only apparent during daytime and at night it was only a blur of trees. The same arguments were probably put forward when the present gas standards were installed and in ten year’s time the university would say what a lot of fools they were to oppose the scheme

1954 01 27

The extension to the nurses’ training school in Owlstone Road, Cambridge has everything for the convenience of the nurses. There are two shampoo rooms where the girls can wash their hair, two ironing rooms and a drying room for doing their washing and provision may be made for a small

kitchen so they can fill a hot water bottle at night. Each bedroom has its own washbasin, while the dressing tables are really dressing-tables-cum-writing desks. A games room has been provided where they can enjoy table tennis or listen to the radio. There is also a piano so they can hold dances there if they wish. With such ideal conditions it will not be surprising if would-be-nurses will want to come to Cambridge for their training.

1954 02 03

Mr Charles F. Morley, who died recently, was a cyclist who won the Eastern Counties championship for every distance from sprint to fifty miles. He was truly a great little sportsman. He was a founder member of the Granta Cycling Club & many of his successes were gained on the quarter mile circular dirt track of the University Bicycling Club off Grange Road. As a speed skater he was up with the amateurs of his day; he was elected chairman of the National Skating Association Fen Department and presented a handsome challenge cup. He was the sole survivor of a quartet of friends who made local and national history at the turn of the century including J.H. Priest, one-mile cycling champion, F.J. Christmas, cross-country champion and A.E. Tebbutt, amateur skating champion of Great Britain

1954 02 17

Extensions to the Owlstone Road training school for nurses in Cambridge will provide accommodation for 70 more nurses in a fine new building with all the advantages that new methods in architecture can produce. In the nursing career there is none of the 'too old at 40' business. The fully qualified nurse has a secure career in a variety of appointments until she chooses to leave at the retiring age. But she must always remain receptive to new ideas and changing methods

1954 07 19

The Minister has approved a western by-pass for Cambridge using the northern leg of Storeys Way and a link from Barton Road through Chaucer Road to Trumpington Road. There will be a road from the end of Brooklands Avenue across the railway sidings and joining Station Road opposite the end of Tenison Road. This means it will be possible eventually to have a complete ring road near the centre of the city.

1954 11 09

Sir – as one who wishes to guard the 'Backs' from the abuses of motorists may I draw attention to that stretch of Queens Road from Burrell's Walk to St John's Wilderness? On both sides of the road are grass margins which motorists use for cheap parking. One individual has the cool cheek to park his car at the corner at 9 a.m. and it is still there four hours later. Recently a heavy lorry drove off the road, crushing the verge flat, so that the driver and his mate could have their midday meal and on several occasions I have seen this side full of cars. Wooden rails have been erected on the other side of Burrell's Walk and I hope these will be continued along the stretch in question – 'Non-collegiate'

1955 02 09

The 'character' of Grange Road was an elusive quality a planning inquiry was told when a retired scientist applied to build a house in Grange Gardens, Cambridge. But the planners say the house, which is comparatively small, would not harmonise with the neighbourhood. The applicant owned one plot of land but the planners would only consent to her building on two. 'We cannot afford large houses these days; many of the existing houses had been converted into flats and were mediocre from an architectural point of view. Land is increasingly difficult to get and large and small houses should be developed, provided they were well designed', she said. 55 02 09

1955 04 29

No. 7963 is the number which Mrs Claudette Kennedy of Eltisley Avenue, Cambridge will always bear as a reminder of four terrible years spent in the concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. At this camp alone four million people died. She survived because of her knowledge of biology and was put to work in a large synthetic rubber factory, extracting rubber from dandelions. She escaped after guards took fright at the advancing allied armies and made her way to Paris where she was reunited

with her small son. After the war she came to Cambridge for an International conference on biochemistry where she met her husband. 55 04 29a & b

1955 05 03

Cambridge University Officers Training Corps is to have a wing of the Women's Royal Army Corps with most of the recruits coming from Girton, Newnham and New Hall. All work would come after the prior claims of their courses and no decisive steps would be taken until after they have graduated. The main object would be to produce good officers but driving, vehicle maintenance, radio and photographic interpretation may also be available. However large the numbers it will have to face a considerable drain on the 'marriage market'. 55 05 03a

1955 05 24

Cambridge was 'invaded' by nearly 600 London Auxiliary Fire Service men and women. They travelled in 80 green emergency fire-fighting vehicles for a large-scale exercise. The new radio control system worked perfectly and only one small group of vehicles managed to get lost. Some vehicles went to the old 'Shorts' factory at Madingley Road, the others to Wisbey's gravel pit Hauxton for pumping exercises. 55 05 24

1955 10 01

The Bell School of Languages in Cranmer Road, Cambridge was opened by the Chancellor of Cambridge University, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder. This term 50 men and women from 22 countries including Germany, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia and Finland are studying there. The Principal, Mr Bell, said the aim was not only to teach the way we say things but the way we do them and warned students not to be 'a little colony of foreigners in England'. 55 10 01 & a

1956 01 20

Kelsey Kerridge said his father had acquired land at Hangman's Corner, Barton Road, Cambridge in 1934 and gained approval to build eight houses. Now there were proposals to build a western by-pass here but it was a dangerous spot; there was a brook which was liable to flooding and any roundabout would have to take it into consideration. The County Surveyor said the proposed by-pass would carry up to 5,000 vehicles a day and benefit city traffic and delivery vans. 56 01 20b

1956 05 12

The Cambridge Employment Exchange at Newnham used to be a school and the exterior is a little drab. But inside an astounding transformation has taken place. Now it is bright and pleasant, with pastel shades and the setting up of cubicles in which business may be conducted with a welcome degree of privacy. The Women's Section too has been decorated. 56 05 12

1956 05 16

The White Horse Riding Establishment in Barton Road, Cambridge, has been used as a riding school for 35 years and has stabling for 24 horses. Much of the teaching takes place on land down Grange Road and it would reduce the dangers for inexperienced riders taking horses down Barton Road if they had an Indoor Riding School. But neighbours complained that it was noisy and smelly and a relic of the past. Horse boxes unloaded on the pavement and children stacked their bikes against the wall when they popped in to give the horses tit-bits. 56 05 16a

1956 08 21

When the Suez crisis threw the country into turmoil it meant there were no Regular Army personnel to assist the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force. Their annual camp was cancelled but instead 200 boys moved into the Coldham's Lane Territorial Training Centre. They had to beg, borrow or steal all sort of equipment but a full programme of training was carried out with shooting on the Barton Road range and trips around the colleges. 56 08 21

1956 08 29

The Observatory domes on Madingley Road house the most up-to-date astronomical instruments. Dr D. W. Dewhirst said the 36-inch reflecting telescope cost around £40,000; it has a mirror accurate to two-millionths of an inch that has to be kept at constant temperature with fans drawing cool night air over it. Various pieces of apparatus are designed and constructed in the workshops to measure the brightness of stars. 56 08 29

1957 04 12

Anna Gordon Gosse – Anna Gordon Keown, poet and novelist of Grantchester Street – dies
1907 - 57 04 12a

1957 04 29

Countess Mountbatten of Burma visited Cambridge to receive the gift of Fitzpatrick House in Barton Road and declare it open as the new county headquarters of the St John Ambulance Brigade. Then on Lammas Land she inspected more than 300 men, women, boys and girls who make up the Brigade and presented the Grand Prior's Badge to nursing cadet Averil Turville. 57 04 29a & b & c

1958 01 22

During 1940 Glyn Daniel, the Cambridge University archaeologist and internationally famous television personality, lived a 'nightmare existence'. As a photographic interpreter he viewed pictures from photo-reconnaissance Spitfires and Mosquitoes showing hundreds of German war barges being readied to invade England. Another was Miss Constance Babbington Smith of Newnham who is to publish a book telling the full story. 58 01 22a

1958 03 04

An exceptionally large number of shags have been seen in Cambridge recently, probably driven from the East Coast by the spell of cold weather. One bird, which has a silky green and brown plumage, was photographed at Newnham Mill. Another that was found dead was taken to the University Department of Zoology where it has been skinned in preparation for research examination. 58 03 04a

1958 06 12

Daphne Harrington suffers from 'fragile bones' which means she must spend her days in a plaster cast and be moved about in a wheeled bed. But she runs an active Brownie company, earns money by typing, designing knitting patterns and making small household articles. So she was not going to let her disability prevent her going on holiday. She left her Selwyn Road home in an ambulance to journey to Norway where she will join other handicapped girl guides in a camp halfway up a mountain. 57 06 12a

1958 07 09

Cantabrian Athletics equipment made by the London Instrument Company of Newnham Mill will be used at the British Empire Games at Cardiff. It includes pole vault standards, hammers, javelins and gauges for the high jump. Much of it was designed by Henry Rottenburg, the owner of the firm which moved to Cambridge in 1910. They have also supplied the Olympic Games and European Championships. 58 07 09a

1958 07 17

The new Principal's Lodge at Newnham College is a showpiece of design. It features sheets of glass, said to be the tallest in the world, and includes three bedrooms so arranged that if there should be a married Principal a husband's sitting room and dressing room could be provided. It is little wonder that Miss Cohen is delighted. The garden, while immature at the moment, is spacious and has the promise of great beauty. 58 07 17b

1958 07 22

Motorists in Cambridge are unlikely to have their speeds regularly checked by radar for at least another year. Manufacturers have demonstrated a number of existing instruments which councillors

consider ‘not entirely satisfactory’ at present. There is hope their efficiency will improve in time. But radar has been used by the Chief Constable to check speeds in Queens Road and Trumpington. 58 07 22

1958 10 25

Car parking should not be allowed in Cambridge city centre and motorists should be compelled to leave their vehicles on the outskirts. Parking should be banned from an area bounded by Castle Hill, Grange Road, the Catholic Church and Mill Road. If this ‘perimeter parking’ could not be introduced then there must be an effective underground and an overhead car park, the Mayor, Coun. L.D.V. Wordingham told police. 58 10 25c & d

1958 11 08

Many householders opened their doors early to a young man in pyjamas or an undergraduate turbaned like a caliph and bought a poppy, then poured into Cambridge to see the fun. Every entrance was barricaded, every vehicle stopped, and toll demanded. Progress was difficult in one street because Mr John Day of Trinity was having breakfast with Miss Alexandra Hearnshaw, a Newnham mathematician, on a Belisha crossing. In Petty Cury two rival dragons occupied most of the road – a dinosaur quite 70 feet long and containing numberless undergraduates of whom only the feet were visible and a toothy monster centipede writhing from the direction of the Senate House. 58 11 08

1959 01 07

A number of roads flooded following overnight rain and early morning snow. The Caxton village crossroads had water up to eight feet deep and a large lorry was stranded in the middle. Ickleton High Street was flooded and several pigs drowned at Church Hall Farm, Whaddon. Queen’s Road, Cambridge, was flooded opposite St John’s College with traffic diverted along Grange Road. The level of the Cam was the highest since 1947 and overflowed Pye’s Sports Ground. 59 01 07

1959 02 17

Sergeant Cornwell of Marlowe Road joined the police in 1926 and was due to retire this year. He was a member of the committee of Police Poor and Needy Fund, secretary of the Recreation Society and the Police Athletic Association. A great sportsman, he was champion for putting the weight, secretary of the Table Tennis Association and Thursday Football League. He won the Defence, Police Long Service, Good Conduct and Coronation Medals. The Chief Constable described him as a loyal and respect colleague who would be sadly missed. 59 02 17

1959 03 06

There is one pot less on the chimney stack of the Hat and Feathers, Barton Road, since an isolated lightning flash struck the public house during a storm. The chimney pot shattered and parts of it damaged a glass shelter as they fell. The licensee, Alex Taylor, said he was glad it had not come five minutes later as children from the Shrubbery School might have been passing. 59 03 06b

1959 04 07

The Employment Exchange which has been sited in Newnham for nearly 30 years is moving to Brooklands Avenue. It provides a register of people seeking professional, managerial and senior executive posts and employees wishing to fill such vacancies. Nearly 200 men and women as well as ex-officers from HM Forces are included. The passports department and National Service registration office will also be affected. 59 04 07

1959 04 25

The Cambridgeshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society celebrated its Golden Jubilee. The first detachment (women) was formed in Cambridge in 1910 and followed by Bourn, Swavesey, Shelford & Willingham. The first men’s detachment was formed at Melbourn in 1913. With the coming of the First World War valuable work was done at hospitals in Cintra Terrace and Wordsworth Grove which laid the foundation for their well-established reputation for invaluable service. 59 04 25c

1959 06 12

Eleanor Bron, a 21-year-old Newnham student, is the only girl in the Footlight Dramatic Club's annual May Week revue directed by John Bird. She plays a variety of parts, some of which call for singing and dancing. But when asked if she intended to make the stage her career replied 'Definitely no'. In her second year, brunette Eleanor is reading modern languages, finishing her examinations a few hours before opening night. 59 06 12a

1959 06 23

Cambridge Model Engineering Society's new premises and railway track in Fulbrooke Road was officially opened by Sir Vivian Fuchs. He praised the craftsmanship of the models, including one of a 'Sno-cat', the vehicle on which he had made his trans-Antarctic journey. The Society had started in Union Lane, then Mr Banham allowed them to build a track at The Willows before they acquired this site. 59 06 23

1959 09 25

Sidgwick Avenue site ready for new term – 59 09 25

1959 10 12

The character of Adams Road had changed due to the increase in the number of heterogeneous houses, the older houses had deteriorated in appearance, one was unfenced and children played all over the road. The bus service was valueless in the afternoons and at week-ends and it was a very popular thoroughfare for people using the footpath to Coton. A year ago it was a reasonable area, now it had changed because of the noise from certain houses, the Valuation Panel was told. But they upheld the rating assessment. 59 10 12

1959 10 13

The University's Mullard Radio Astronomy Laboratory employed a helicopter to transport one of their big parabolic aerials from a site in Grange Road to Offal End, near Haslingfield. An airlift was the only practical way of moving such an unwieldy load, 27 feet in diameter and so intricately built that it would have been difficult to dismantle it. Cambridge engineer, Mr Donald MacKay was responsible for preparing the complicated piece of freight for its journey. 59 10 13

1959 10 21

Sir - Adams Road has changed little in the last 40 years apart for three major upheavals: the decline of domestic staff which is part of a national pattern, the introduction of a bus route which was bitterly resented by residents who have been prominent bicyclists, and the new houses erected since the war. These have made the biggest impact. All the older houses were of a substantial character whereas some of the new ones are out of place in the neighbourhood. It has always been a family road with many childish pleasures including ice skating. – P. Rottenberg. 59 10 21a & b

The Cambridgeshire Collection has taken newspaper cuttings from this date

1960 01 11

A 23-ton tanker lorry containing nearly 3,000 gallons of varnish-oil overturned at Madingley Road and was completely wrecked. The 12-wheeler vehicle got out of control near the old aircraft factory, veered across the road and snapped off a telegraph pole before overturning. The driver scrambled out unscathed and walked two miles in below-freezing conditions to a café at Hardwick to call for assistance. Firemen using heavy lifting gear dragged the vehicle off the road on to the verge and stood by until the oil was transferred to another tanker 60 01 11

1960 01 27

Lady Margaret Bullard makes most attractive jewellery from her home in Clarkson Road, Cambridge. It includes pottery ear-rings which, following a magazine feature, she sells by the thousands every

year. Lady Bullard designs all the items herself and has countless styles and shapes. Practically every town in the country has shops selling her jewellery which is exported to Jamaica and Central Africa. Some of her latest work is in Roman gold. She has also written three books, one based on Cambridge before and during the war, called 'A Perch in Paradise' 60 01 27

1960 03 25

Three new major building projects are all progressing satisfactorily. The first storey of at least one building on the Churchill College site is already visible from Madingley Road. The cast iron arches of the old Garret Hostel Lane Bridge have been removed with a temporary wooden structure erected over the river. In East Road the scheme for redeveloping a large area previously occupied with derelict buildings is rapidly taking shape. Maisonettes will be constructed in the first stage followed by shops, flats, roads and houses. 60 03 25d

1960 06 15

Blanche Althena Clough, vice-principal of Newnham College dies – 60 06 15

1960 06 24

The small independent Kimway School is to close when the twin sisters, the Misses M.L. and E.A. Macleod retire. They have run the school in Millington Road since 1941 on the ideas proved successful with Brownie packs and 621 pupils have passed through their hands. The children range from three to 11 years and stay to take their 11-plus or try for scholarships to the Perse. Recently the number of children from university families has dwindled and now the wooden part of the school premises has rotted and the cost of heating and repairs is becoming increasingly expensive. 60 06 24c

1960 07 15

Dons are considering Cambridge's latest controversy – the designs of Lady Mitchell Hall, part of the Sidgwick Avenue development. One called it 'a monstrosity' and a 'primitive log stockade'. Dr W.H. Plommer detests 'the sheer brutality of the scale, the unaccommodating harshness of the shape ... it could be anything from a prison to a power station'. But architects say they find the comments that it is 'ugly and brutal' and 'mad and revolting' hard to understand 60 07 15c

1960 09 17

Fire swept through a dining hall at Newnham College causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. Firemen wearing oxygen breathing equipment struggled through thick black smoke to reach the heart of the blaze. A section of the flooring in the Sidgwick Hall was burned away and three hotplates damaged. Smoke has blackened the walls and panels have split outwards with the heat. It is not likely to be repaired before the undergraduates return and the girls will be split up in the other three dining rooms 60 09 17

1960 10 05

A ten ton tank filled to capacity and mounted on a trailer drawn by an articulated vehicle turned over as it was negotiating the roundabout at the Newnham end of Fen Causeway. As it fell it hit a parked car a glancing blow. The industrial glue trickled out of the tank's head in a steady stream and traffic had to be controlled while a breakdown truck towed away the car. The resin, used for making chip board, was on its way from the CIBA factory at Duxford. As there was no crane in Cambridge capable of raising the tank, Welch's Transport of Stapleford, sent two six-ton vehicles, and after the resin had been pumped out into other tankers, managed to complete the job shortly after midnight. The final traces of the accident were cleared away when council workers washed down the road 60 10 05

1960 10 14

The Freebooters Coffee Bar and Club in Wellington Street was set up through the determination of John Ewen, a theological student at Ridley Hall. It has full-sized billiard & table-tennis tables & a dart board. But there are no rules. Soon youngsters banned from other coffee bars because of damage started to drop in. A key concern was motor cycles but plans are under way for a maintenance shop

and a ‘scramble’. They had teething troubles: the record player was stolen and all the records taken, but they were brought back and now various sports clubs have been formed. 60 10 14

1960 10 31

Charles Whitaker was one of the country’s greatest wood carvers and sculptors. But his most prominent memorial is in Cambridge where he lived. His first stone-carving job was at Ridley Hall but every college bears the mark of his skill. He was responsible for the restoration of the outside of King’s chapel, Trinity College fountain and the Gate of Honour at Caius. He also carved the University Arms over the Examination School in Mill Lane and designed the coats of arms on Fen Causeway bridge and Ascham Road Library. 60 10 31

1960 11 02

Many roads were flooded following a torrential downpour. Policemen with red warning lights patrolled parts of Queen’s Road which was covered to a depth of 18-inches in parts and the roadway at Chesterton Hall Crescent was also under water. Wilberforce Road was the most seriously affected where water poured off a nearby playing field and fences were pulled up to divert the flow away from houses. The Wheatsheaf Inn at Harlton and a cottage at Barton Road Haslingfield were also inundated. This has been one of the wettest years recorded in Cambridge. 60 11 02b

1961 01 03

The ‘Grand Old Man’ of Cambridge cycling, Mr C.M. Woods, was secretary of the New Chesterton Cycling Club for 35 years. He arranged ten motor and cycle race meetings on the Amalgamation Ground in Queens Road and was sports secretary for the Mammoth Show on Jesus Green which included the famous rodeo which attracted a record ‘gate’ of 35,000 people. During his career he came into contact with many famous cyclists including Albert White, Jack Sibbit, Ernie Payne and Reg Player. 61 01 03

1961 02 09

Two people were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital when their car was in collision with a heavy armoured car driven by two members of the Cambridge University Officer’s Training Corps. The vehicle, with a muzzled two pounder gun mounted on top of it, was on a delivery run from Colchester to the Corps’ headquarters in Grange Road when the accident happened at Great Abington. The students were uninjured 61 02 09

1961 02 20

A team from Pan American Airways visited Cambridge speaking to applicants from the girls’ colleges to fill their quota for air stewardesses, one of the most glamorous carers in the 20th-century.. One said “We thought we might get a nice type of girl from the University – the sort who, once she has got her degree, would like to spend a year or 18 months flying with us. By the time they’re 23 they want to marry; you can’t blame them really”. The firm were quite reconciled to it and it kept their service fresh and active. In spite of the attractive prospects there were very few applicants for interview from Girton or Newnham students 61 02 20

1961 03 21

Women undergraduates are rather spoiled, with ten men to each girl, and marry at a younger age so Newnham has problems finding College Fellows, the Principal complained. Sometimes girls staying in Cambridge after their marriage could continue their work but often it meant recruiting Dons from outside. This brought other problems as Newnham could not afford to pay a good income meaning many candidates were unable to take up the appointment 61 03 21

1961 05 04

Women undergraduates should stop trying to be competitive with the men and become complementary to them instead. There should be optional University classes in cookery, needlework and floral arrangements for the benefit of women, a Girton undergraduate writes in the ‘Cambridge Review’. But two Newnham students are indignant that anyone should suppose they are not already

proficient in domestic matters when they came up to Cambridge and deny women have no recreation other than working or taking tea 61 05 04

1961 05 04

Paradise Island forms an appealing nature reserve of great interest to botanists and a wonderful playground for children. It has a peace and charm of its own which would be lost if a block of flats were to be erected on land at Newnham. But there was already a Preliminary Training School for Hospitals at Owlstone Croft and there could possibly be some 40 flats of four-storey height, a planning inquiry was told. 61 05 04a

1961 08 12

Corpus Christi College has decided to sell a 13-acre strip of land adjoining Barton Road for high quality residential development. It is the last major site within a short distance of the city centre. There will be a maximum of seven dwellings to the acre with two-storey houses and a small number of flats. Corpus had Leckhampton House and a portion of land sufficient for college needs and with the building of Churchill College and the development of the Sidgwick Avenue site it was felt that the needs of the University were well-covered. 61 08 12a & b

1961 08 31

Prziborsky's barbers shop in Ram Yard is to be swept away by demolition and redevelopment. The site is to be incorporated into a new road leading to Park Street car park. It was founded in 1879 by Count Prziborsky after he left his position as barber at the Imperial Austrian court. The family connection elapsed in 1934 when the Count's son died and Mr Frederick Osborne took over the business. A ladies' hairdressing side catered for Girton and Newnham girls but was discontinued during the war 61 08 31a

1961 10 20

We're giving away petrol! To mark the opening of our new garage in Newnham Road, Cambridge, we will give each customer on the opening day one gallon of Shell petrol completely free of charge. We are open every day from 8 to 8 offering a Super Service and the kind of attention that makes so much difference to your motoring. B.E. Cocks & Co. – Advert. 61 10 20c

1961 10 28

Parents have bought a £400 hut to provide Newnham Croft School with an additional classroom. Erection of the prefabricated building has started 61 10 28b

1961 11 01

When the Prince of Wales inaugurated the new butt and parade ground of the Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers at Grange Road in October 1861 he presented a cup described as 'of massive silver, but chaste in design – a kneeling rifleman surmounting the lid, in the act of taking aim'. It is still awarded to the best shot at 1,000 yards. The Corps at first had a ground on Mill Road in conjunction with the 1st Cambridgeshire (Town Corps) but the range was found to be too short. The Grange Road ground consisted of two fields with the butt at the extreme end. 61 11 01

1961 11 16

Corpus Christi College has embarked on a plan to fulfil two great needs in the university. It has created a graduate extension at Leckhampton House in Grange Road to enable research students to enter fully into university life and to extend to teaching staff the social advantages and responsibilities which attach to being a Fellow of a college. Only about half the research students and unmarried Fellows normally wish to live in college rooms. 61 11 16d

1961 12 08

The collared dove is a new and exciting addition to the birds of Cambridgeshire. The first of these invaders from Eastern Europe settled on the Norfolk coast about five years ago and nested successfully at Overstrand. But they were first recorded in Cambridgeshire only two years ago. Three

broods have been recorded from a pair nesting in Littleport and another pair has been seen in Adams Road. It will be interesting to see how they will stand a really hard winter. 61 12 08b

1961 12 14

After a gloomy day's location work on the film 'The War Lover' some thirty men and women trudged to their cars parked on Queens Road and made off for a hot bath. The day had seen two shots of film stars Shirley Anne Field and Robert Wagner walking up to and leaning on King's bridge. Miss Field plays a research worker and Mr Wagner an American officer, caught up in the romantic agonies of war. Such is the way of film making that even after a morning in which it was too wet to work, the fire brigade still had to hose water onto the bridge to make it wet enough to show. 61 12 14b

1962 01 01

Queens Road & Earl Street with snowed-up cars – photo – 62 01 01a

1962 08 01

Fellows of Gonville and Caius College saw the shape of things to come when they toured the College's newly constructed Harvey Court designed by Sir Leslie Martin, the University Professor of Architecture. It is the first of a new range of University and College buildings in West Road providing bed-sitting rooms for 100 undergraduates and Fellows, allowing them to spend two years in college instead of one. The building will be inspected by architects from U.N.E.S.C.O. 62 08 01a

1962 11 22

The University rugby ground in Grange Road is one of the finest in the country. Two years ago millions of gallons of water were pumped during the heat of the summer and hundredweights of seed used to repair the ravages of the winter season. After months of loving and expert care the groundsman defied me to traverse the pitch and produce a dozen weeds. I didn't bother to accept the challenge. The playing surface looked, if shaved, fit for bowls. It was a credit to the efforts of the Hayward family who care for it. 62 01 06 Down Your Street articles by Eric Dimock Grange Rd – 62 11 22

1963 01 10

Recently qualified State Registered Nurses were present with their certificates at the Preliminary Training School, Owlstone Road. Miss Puddicombe, the Matron, outlined the current situation at Addenbrooke's Hospital and its various departments 63 01 10b

1963 01 22

London Instrument Company manufactures athletics equipment in the Old Mill, Newnham Pond. It employs 30 people annually producing 5,000 hurdles, 1,500 javelins as well as starting blocks and shots. It was founded by Henry Rottenburg in 1911, Fellow of Kings and lecturer in the University Engineering Laboratories. In collaboration with the University Athletic Club they developed a long jump measuring device, scoreboards and an ill-fated starting gate which nearly strangled a competitor. 63 01 22c

1963 01 26

Tower blocks should be banned from city centre says planning consultant Thomas Sharp in his report 'Dreaming Spires & Teeming Towers'. They would destroy the character of the Backs, Parker's Piece and Midsummer Common. The New Museums and Downing sites are 'deplorable in their high crowding, overdevelopment by dull buildings'. This comes when the University has plans for proposals for a tower block as part of its 'Science Island'. Any rebuilding in the central streets should be by small units rather than large-scale frontages, he says 63 01 26c

1963 02 02

Parts of the Backs should be flooded and turned into skating rinks, says a Cambridge botanist. There are a few natural ideal spots, used for lawn tennis, which could be easily flooded to provide skating. The initial cost would be insignificant but the benefit for the young and 'young at heart' (meaning

dons) would be enormous. The maintenance of the skating rink would be easily covered by a small entrance fee. And it wouldn't spoil the tennis courts as ice and snow give the best protection for the species of grasses which might otherwise be damaged by the continuous cold. 63 02 02a

1963 05 24

Revised plans for the Sidgwick Avenue site include parking for 300 cars underground. But it will not include the West Hall which was to have contained 1,000 seats and provided for symphony concerts and full-scale theatrical productions. A site closer to the city centre would be needed if this was to be a success. The Faculty of History will include studies for academic staff and a library with space for 300 readers. But the need of faculties 20 years hence cannot be accurately forecast and some of those now planned may be accommodated elsewhere. 63 05 24

1963 05 27

Until a few weeks ago there was a farm in the heart of Cambridge where cattle grazed in fields not a stone's throw from the University Library. Now Mr Dale of Grange Farm, Adams Road is moving and the livestock and implements have been sold. In 1939 the farm, owned by St John's, extended to some 200 acres but part of this was used for the building of a repair shop and later Churchill College. The farm house itself is large and rambling with 14 rooms and an absolute contrast to the nearby house on Herschel Road recently built by Lord Rothschild 63 05 27

1963 08 08

Down Your Street articles by Eric Dimock - Barton Rd – 63 08 08

1964 04 02

Down Your Street articles by Eric Dimock - Newnham Rd – 64 04 02

1964 04 09

Cambridge University Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club, known as the 'Cock and Hen' club is moving to a new home on Madingley Road. It is the oldest tennis club in Cambridge founded before 1885 by and for senior members of the Universities of Oxford & Cambridge who were expected to join in pairs – hence the name. Now half are townspeople. Croquet has not been played since the Great War but some say a lawn could be laid at Gilling Paddock. 64 04 09b

1964 04 29

History Faculty library planned for Sidgwick Avenue site – 64 04 29

1964 06 30

A car park was needed on the West side of the river to help clear Queens Road and they should consider an underground car park at the Backs, councillors heard. Park Street was a mistake because it was too near the city centre but Coe Fen was one of the best places for a surface car park. Queen Anne Terrace was a marvellous site as it could have a basement, three or four storeys of flats and a roof garden restaurant. There would be a mini-bus to get shoppers into the centre which meant the Lion Yard would be used more by people who came to park for the day. 64 06 30

1964 08 01

Madingley Cricket Club, who have bought the old Queens' College pavilion on the Barton Road ground, may cut it in sections and move it that way. Queens' new pavilion, which is a memorial to a former president, Dr J.A. Venn, will be ready for the start of term and the groundsman has already moved into an adjoining bungalow. It has the most modern facilities in Cambridge with showers, toilets and its own bar. But the planned car park has been left for a later date. 64 08 01a

1964 11 28

Cambridge's Old Church Schools date back to 1700 when school for poor children were started by clergy. After the Education Act of 1870 introduced compulsory education Newnham School was opened in 1872 and followed in 1875 by Park Street for girls and infants. St Barnabas, Sturton Street,

York Street, Catharine Street & Ross Street schools followed. St Matthews is the newest – and the most modern of all schools in Cambridge - 64 11 28

1965 03 01

Pinehurst building site sale – 65 03 01c

1965 03 27

Two and three-quarter acres of freehold building land at Grange Road with planning permission for 60 flats and 67 garages sold for £26,000 an acre at auction. Building of high-class flats will start ‘almost immediately’. This was probably the best piece of land ever made available for this type of development in Cambridge, said Douglas January & Partners 65 03 27b

1965 03 30

Western bypass a priority along with ban on all vehicles parking Queens Road – 65 03 30b

1966 06 14

Bredon House, Selwyn Gardens converted from private house to University College - 66 06 15b

1966 10 21

Hershel House, Herschel Road demolition – photo – 66 10 21a

1967 02 22

University plan new Cavendish Laboratory as part of ‘science city’ in west Cambridge - 67 02 22

1968 03 29

Plough and Harrow, Barton Road, being replaced by new pub – photo – 68 03 29

1968 11 06

Clare Hall topping out – Brian Pippard photo – 68 11 06

1969 07 25

Walt-ham-stell, large house in landscaped gardens, Barton Rd is the 1795 ‘House in the Fen’, a famous old coaching inn; is tunnel to Grantchester & Roman well. Permission granted for demolition but should be saved – 69 07 25a

1969 10 09

Dons divided on plans for science city proposals for West Cambridge site – 69 10 09

1969 12 10

Clare Hall new college – feature – 69 12 10, 10a

1970 02 04

Ministry of Technology Computer Aided Design Centre, Madingley Road operating nine months; staff outnumber the firms who have found anything useful to design by computer – 70 02 04

1970 02 10

Malting Lane, Newnham – sketch – 70 02 10

1971 01 08

Rudi Dutschke who came to Britain in 1968 to recover from gunshot wounds and has been living at Clare Hall should not be allowed to stay, Tribunal recommends – 71 01 08; call for University strike – 71 01 11; students plan protest – 71 01 14; 1,000 students march – 71 01 16

1971 05 01

Progress on 'Science City' development adjoining Madingley Road may be slow, Senate says – 71 05 01

1972 08 07

The Backs have been described as "one of the world's most beautiful assemblies of buildings and grass and trees". Queen's Road, which skirts The Backs, is also one of the busiest heavy lorry roads in Cambridge. For many years the university have urged the closure of Queen's Road to through traffic, but the counter-argument is that there is no other convenient traffic route in west Cambridge. Travers Morgan's Transportation Study proposes a new West Road which would carry some 60 per cent of the traffic using Queens Road and Grange Road which would then be closed, to bring peace once again to the Backs

1972 11 04

Britain's top female liberationist, Miss Germaine Greer, told Cambridge undergraduates of the sexual tensions she had become aware of in the university while studying at Newnham College five years ago. She said: "Most people feel that this university enshrines the most incapacitating mistakes about the relationship between men and women. Why was it when it came to May Balls male undergraduates always invite girls from the language schools, or their cousins from London? The thing that amazes me is that the girls do not break into the May Balls by inviting all kinds of truck drivers as their escort. I went to most of the balls over the fence and what I cannot understand is why girls have baulked at this male confidence trick"

1972 11 11

Mr David Robinson, the millionaire Newmarket racehorse owner and businessman may be the "mystery benefactor" behind the plans of Gonville and Caius college Cambridge, for a new mixed undergraduate college. Mr Robinson's name has been linked with the anonymous gift announced a year ago which is thought to be worth about £5 million. Caius college, founded in 1348, has been considering possible sites for the proposed college. The college-owned house "Finella" on Queen's Road and their sports ground on Barton Road have been considered.

1973 04 12

The £2½ m complex for the Cavendish Laboratory on Madingley Road, Cambridge, was declared open by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. A.W. Deer. Large earth banks will hide the new Cavendish site from the Cambridge Inner Relief Road, if it is ever built, and it is hoped the University will not continue to crowd buildings in upon the new site until it achieves another science slum like that left behind in Downing Street

1973 12 21

Cambridge University has been given £10 million to build and endow a new college for graduate and undergraduate students, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Jack Linnett, announced today. The lump sum gift has been handed over by the Newmarket racehorse owner, Mr David Robinson, who started his career at the age of 15 as an apprentice in his father's cycle shop in Cambridge. The new college will be built on a 12½ acre site on land bounded by Herschel Road and Grange Road.

1974 02 19

Cambridge city council are negotiating privately with the University to buy 20 acres off Milton Road which could provide space for up to 400 council houses. The council's Conservative leader, John Powley, denied any behind-the-scenes deal with the University on planning permission for the new Robinson College in exchange for the housing land. The 20 acre site lies behind the council housing estate at Ramsden Square. It is occupied by a number of university departments. Some of the land is used for genetic experiments with plants.

1974 03 16

Cambridge University gave Mr David Robinson's £10 million new college a massive go-ahead when a total of 916 dows voted for the project and only 135 against. The university will now apply for outline planning permission for the college on the Herschel Road, Thorncycle site.

1974 07 20

The people of Cambridge would never accept the building of the proposed Western Relief Road project, linking Huntingdon road with Trumpington road and going through Newnham or near Grantchester, it was claimed by city councillors. In addition the county a road linking Huntingdon road with Madingley road. But Coun. Overhill supported the road. "If this was proposed through the middle of Chesterton, nobody would complain. It is only because it is going through Newnham that people are against it", he said

1974 11 19

Operation Mop-Up got into full swing as flood waters subsided after nearly two hours of rain in 24 hours. In Cambridge the river burst its banks from Lammas Land in Newnham to Pye's in Chesterton where the playing fields resembled a lake. At St Neots a disabled elderly man and his wife were evacuated as flood water burst into their homes during the worst flooding in that town since 1947. Office workers at the Anglian Water Authority headquarters at Huntingdon spend an anxious afternoon – waiting to see if they would be flooded. Children at Dullingham primary school had to be ferried across floods by a local farmer's trailer when water blocked the road.

1974 12 09

The rapist terrorising girls in Cambridge's bed-sit land claimed his fourth victim in two months when he struck in the Newnham area of the city yesterday. It was the fifth attack on single girls living alone. Four have been raped and one fought her attacker off on the doorstep. The man leading the 20-strong special police squad, Detective Superintendent Bernard Hotson said today: "We are looking for an extremely sick and dangerous man"

1975 01 15

Report of General Board aim equal art-science ration amongst students with undergrad-postgrad ratio 25-75, size limited 1400; further developments in arts & social sciences in vicinity University Library, physical sciences & engineering in West Cambridge while biological etc in New Museums & Old Addenbrooke's area [16.1]

1975 02 04

A complete Cambridge college – the second in eight years – is being offered for sale on the open market at an unspecified price, thought to be in the region of £1 million. Ridley Hall is for sale following a decision in 1971 to enter into federation with two other Anglican training colleges. In 1967 Cheshunt College in Bateman Street was sold for in excess of £225,000.

1975 08 01

It was a wet welcome that Cambridge was offering any tourist foolhardy enough to punt past Sheep's Green bathing place, Newnham. Young swimmers aged about 15 kept up a barrage of dive-bombing from springboards at the bathing place and from the footbridge nearby. A custodian said: "It's a hazard that people who come punting have to put up with. There's no way I can keep an eye on the whole lot: on a busy day there's probably 3,000 people here. Only a few every complain, I think most people enjoy being splashed"

1975 08 04

Hundreds of people crowded around the entrance to the Senate House to watch Prince Charles arrive in academic cap & gown to collect his MA Degree. They waited patiently for 20 minutes when he emerged again after the ceremony. But the formal schedule of his procession was broken when Mrs Phyllis Hepburn, a friend from his student days, hailed him from the crowd. The Prince turned and

stopped to chat with her. She said he used to come to her home in Millington Road to play in a string quartet.

1975 09 03

Frank & Babs Munns, well-known to numerous city centre newspaper buyers, have retired from their Market Passage newsagents. They have been in the business for 45 years. His family started in Newnham, one of only two wholesalers in Cambridge of Sunday newspapers. They started their first business in Castle Street and moved to Market Passage 14 years ago. Over the years there has been a big increase in the number of continental magazines people want to buy. Italians from as far afield as Bedford come to their shop for periodicals in their own language

1975 09 17

There is no reason why Cambridge's first mini roundabout should not become a permanent feature. The roundabout at the junction of Queens Road with Northampton Street came into operation yesterday morning. It is hoped this will overcome the long tailback which has occurred in Queens Road since the introduction of the city centre traffic scheme.

1975 11 11

A storm blew up today over a plan published by City council engineers to build a road across the famous Grantchester Meadows beauty spot. The plan was condemned by one of the city's leading environmentalists, Coun Colin Rosenstiel as "idiotic". And he warned: "It will never be built because there will be such a gigantic public outcry"

1975 11 20

The number of women seeking Cambridge University places has remained virtually unchanged despite the opening of three previously all-male colleges to girl applicants. At present, with three women's and three mixed colleges about 500 women a year are being admitted. By 1978 four more colleges will have become mixed, bringing the expected number to 650 women. Miss Sheila Edmonds, Vice-Principal of Newnham College said while some well-qualified candidates still do not secure a Cambridge place, this would not be true if the total admission were 650, instead of 500.

1975 12 17

The controversial proposals for building a major road across the Grantchester Meadows beauty spot just outside Cambridge have been abandoned for the time being by the city council following the surprise discovery of a legal document signed 43 years ago. The document, signed by the Borough Council, King's College and the Cambridge preservation Society, effectively bans the building of roads across the meadows by local councils anywhere between the city boundary and the south of Grantchester village. Legal experts are to examine the document to see if it is still valid. The document came to light after King's College authorities drew the council's attention to it. None of the council's legal department remembered it.

1976 01 16

Trees along Cambridge's world-famous Backs felled because of the spread of Dutch elm disease have now been replaced. More than a dozen lime tree have been planted at Trinity College Pieces to replace 20 elms recently felled. Trinity college bursar said, "Not all of the elms were diseased but they were felled because, once the disease starts in a row it is difficult to contain unless all are removed". The disease was beginning to appear in a number of other elms, although at the moment those in the Fellows' Garden were unaffected.

1976 06 19

Cambridge's newest language school, the Newnham Language Centre, was officially opened at a reception. It is the brainchild of Mr Michael Short who was adult tutor at Comberton Village College for ten years. Students pay £70 for a four-week vacation course or £165 for a ten-week term and stay with Cambridge families. Tours to colleges and local country houses are arranged. It aims to provide facilities for small groups to learn the language in really attractive surroundings.

1976 07 14

The bamboo brainchild of a group of Cambridge University student architects which has been built over Grantchester primary school swimming pool could become a permanent feature of the landscape, if planners agree. But the dome has already run into trouble with some villagers who claim it is intrusive and damaging the view from Grantchester Meadows. When it was originally put up earlier this year the structure was only intended to be temporary but now the headmaster, Mr Kenneth Jackson would like it to be retained. "It helps to keep the pool warm and keeps out leaves and other dirt. It has many uses and we are pleased with it", he said.

1977 03 16

For the Cambridge disco pub, the Plough and Harrow in residential Madingley Road, the dancing is over – and another venue for city youngsters loses its attraction. Brewers Tolly Cobbold have decided not to appeal following objections from people living in expensive property nearby. One resident said: "We are all academic and professional people around here and need quiet to be able to work. We don't spend money on alcohol because we haven't got it. We spent it on books and things". The county councillor said: "I think the pub could do very well as an eating house; many people would like somewhere to go for a quiet drink without feeling out of place".

1977 07 20

Parents and children said goodbye to Mrs Betty Barrett and Mrs Norah Hudson who have run Cambridge's oldest nursery school, the Cranmer Nursery School in Newnham Lane for many years. Now the Old Oast House which has been rented each weekday morning is being sold by its owners. Their long experience with pre-school children will not be wasted as they plan to give advice and help to someone starting up a new nursery school in another part of Cambridge. They were presented with silver engraved forks in appreciation of their work.

1977 11 09

Crowds waving flags and demonstrators waving banners greeted the Queen and Prince Philip as they arrived to open the new Wolfson College. For the Duke there must have been something familiar about the scene. For the second time in less than five months he was met in the city by pouring rain and by a group campaigning for nursery facilities in the university. He gave them a friendly wave as the car drove past. The Queen said she had laid the foundation stone of a college at Oxford and subsequently opened another of the same name at Cambridge. That this was possible was proof of the generosity of the Wolfson Foundation.

1978 06 21

Cambridge University Library tower, the last great challenge to the student night climbing fraternity, has been scaled. Two men took just four hours and 15 minutes to climb to the base of the flagpole and attributed their success to the unsuccessful attempts of others during the past twelve months who left bolts attached to the brickwork for safety purposes. It is without doubt the most difficult and dangerous building to climb. On the ascent they caused damage to a small window on the top of the tower. "This was completely unintentional and very much regretted. We have already sent off money to pay for the damage", one student said.

1978 06 23

The cost of providing a complete flood protection scheme for the Newnham and Riverside areas of Cambridge would be 'totally out of proportion to the benefits, however desirable', councillors have been told. Flooding occurred for two days on the Gough Way housing estate when the Bin Brook overflowed during heavy rain and the River Cam overflowed its banks at Riverside during the same period. But the emergencies arose from exceptionally heavy and intense rainfall for which it is not reasonable to provide capacity within the sewers, water courses or main rivers and relatively few residential properties were actually flooded.

1978 07 14

The risk of flooding may become a more important consideration when councils decide where houses can be built. Steps are also being taken to identify areas where the risks are greatest so that a better warning system for householders can be introduced. A gauge has already been installed at Gough Way, Cambridge, where the Bin Brook overflowed and damaged 20 houses and Newnham Terrace and Riverside may be flood proofed. It was suggested that the height the floodwater reached should be marked on houses which were involved. People would then be aware of the threat and could take their own measures.

1978 07 27

The Turk's Head, one of the largest eating places in central Cambridge, has served its last meals and drinks. Many of the 30 staff hope to be given the first chance in the project to turn the Plough and Harrow public house in Madingley Road into a restaurant. The Turk's Head opened in the 1960s as a restaurant where a range of inexpensive meals could be had across a wide price band but it was too close to another Berni Steak Bar around the corner in Rose Crescent. Now there are plans to turn it into two smaller restaurants together with a 'mini Burlington Arcade' with some 11 shops aimed at tourists.

1979 03 05

The Mayor of Cambridge, Coun Alec Molt, faced 300 chanting cyclists outside the Guildhall and signed their petition demanding better provision for cyclists. The demonstration began with a lecture on road safety and bike maintenance by the police, then led by a Panda car, they took at 15-minute tour of the city centre streets before returning to Peas Hill to hear councillors' views. Their priorities include cycle lanes on the Huntingdon & Madingley Roads and a contra-flow cycle lane in Downing Street.

1979 03 14

At the university's new music school in West Road you will hear a sound possibly unique in the history of music making. It is an orchestra of string instruments all made by one violinmaker and her apprentices. She is Juliet Barker, founder of the 'Cambridge School' of violin making and her apprentices are the doctors, vicars, housewives and students who have attended her evening classes at the Cambridge Tech since 1960. Between them they have turned out some 50 violins, 35 violas, 12 cellos and a violone. A violin takes the average student three years to make and when finished fetches around £750.

1979 10 02

Robinson College, the University's £17 million gift from the Newmarket millionaire, Mr David Robinson, was topped out. But the man who made it all possible was not there. He turned down the building contractor's invitation to the celebration and preserved his reputation as a shy, publicity-shunning benefactor. Professor Jack Lewis, warden of the college and Prof Charles Brink the chairman of trustees were presented with trade union cards before mounting the scaffolding. Then as an overhead skip delivered a load of wet concrete they smoothed down a part of the roof and planted a Union Jack. The work on site stopped whilst dons and workers joined together for pork pies and beers.

1979 10 12

A network of early five warning flood devices is expected to be ready for the danger period early in the New Year. They will measure water levels and automatically give an up-to-date picture of the possibility of floods. But it could cost £40,000 to carry out a major flood protection scheme at Stretham which was badly hit by floods in May that were caused by blockages in the drainage system. More money must be spent on the Bin Brook which was blamed for flooding in the Gough Way area of Cambridge but maintenance problems must be solved before the work goes ahead

1979 10 30

Cambridge city council's main house waiting list is well on its way to doubling within one year. It is not a crisis: anyone now on the list might still be rehoused in 15 months' time if they are prepared to live in any part of the city. There are only two dozen council houses in the whole of Newnham and such is the pressure to win a house in favoured developments like Lichfield Road off Cherryhinton Road that it might take an applicant five years to get there. Applicants must be married or, if single, over 21, be living or working in the city (but students are not eligible) and have a proven housing need. There is a special list for engaged couples, parents can join children already living here and retired people who want to come back to Cambridge can be catered for.

1979 12 27

'Red' Rudi Dutschke, the German revolutionary who provided Cambridge undergraduates with a cause celebre which rocked the university, has died. He slipped into Britain in 1968 for medical treatment for a bullet wound received during a demonstration in Berlin. He was offered a place at Clare Hall so that he could continue his studies here and did not take part in active politics. But when Home Secretary Reginald Maudling refused to allow him to stay dons protested and the Cambridge Students' Union mounted its first-ever national march in London. It was to no avail and Rudi left in 1971. But when Mr Maudling agreed to meet his critics it took the biggest security operation ever in Cambridge to protect the meeting at The Leys School.

1980 01 10

Customers at Cherry's Stores in Norwich Street, Cambridge, have said goodbye to the couple who have run the shop for 34 years. Lionel Cherry and his wife Kathleen took over in 1946 and built up a business which, in days when petrol was cheaper, offered a free delivery service to Newnham and Arbury. The shop was the place where Robert Sayle started as a draper and has been a grocers for more than 100 years, owned in all that time by just three shopkeepers. It will be the end of a long family connection with the trade. Mr Cherry's uncle had a shop on the junction of Arbury and Milton Roads which became known as Cherry's Corner

1980 02 14

The old University hockey ground in Newnham hasn't been played on for years, but the pavilion was used as headquarters for various groups until 14 months ago. Since then it's stood idle and is now vandalised – a tragic misuse of facilities. The University sold the site to Granta Housing Society in order to raise money to buy more urgently needed land in the west of Cambridge and they now have planning permission for 53 homes with building scheduled to go ahead any day now. They have offered the University Hare and Hounds Society the use of the pavilion again but the cross-country club, who now meet at the bottom of a staircase in Queens' College say it needs too much work. 80 02 14

1980 02 27

Senior dons at Girton are pursuing an astonishing plan to link their college with Cambridge by railway. They are proposing a mono-rail link which would run mainly at ground level on university and college-owned land to the Sidgwick Avenue arts site and University Library. The main difficulties are the high cost of the project, which would need to cross the Huntingdon and Madingley Roads and the delicate negotiations with other colleges. The college's undergraduates have to cycle two miles in all weathers to attend lectures and many have been injured in road accidents. But two recent changes may ensure it is never built: the opening of the Western By-pass has reduced the amount of traffic and there will soon be a cycle lane. 80 02 27

1980 06 06

Girton College's imaginative plan to build a two-mile aerial roadway into Cambridge has been shelved. A driverless 100-seater train would have run 20 feet above ground taking students from the college to Grange Road. But they have had difficulty crossing land owned by other colleges and raising the money and there has been an improvement in traffic conditions since the opening of the Western by-pass 80 06 06a

1980 07 12

One of the biggest private houses & the last commercial farm in Cambridge is up for sale. Rectory Farm on Madingley Road, built 16 years ago, is regarded as an outstanding neo-Georgian design with five reception rooms, six bedrooms, two bathrooms and a swimming pool. It is set in three acres of mature gardens & could fetch around £250,000. 80 07 12

1981 01 13

The 15-year old problem of finding a suitable site for a multi-storey car park in West Cambridge must be solved by the summer, city councillors have decided. The residents of Newnham are to be told that, whether they like it or not, something must be done. A major problem has been finding a suitable site but it can be built just as cheaply underground, perhaps adjacent to the junction of Queen's Road and Madingley Road. 81 01 13a

1981 02 18

Cambridge councillors have thrown out the idea of ever building a multi-storey car park anywhere near the Backs. They condemned as 'barbaric' suggestions from senior officials that such a park, either above or below ground, could be built on college gardens, playing fields or open spaces along Queen's Road. "It is even more ridiculous than the plan to put a major road cross Grantchester Meadows", said Councillor Rosenstiel. 81 02 18a

1981 05 29

Robinson College officially opened by Queen

1981 11 25

A startling £3.5 million plan to tunnel under The Backs has been prepared secretly by county road engineers. It would be 20 feet wide and run under Queen's Road from the Madingley junction right up to Silver Street. Meter controlled parking would then be allowed up to Garret Hostel Lane and the area to West Road would be grassed over to give an uninterrupted view of King's College chapel. The plan is certain to raise a violent storm of controversy. 81 11 25 & 26b

1981 12 04

Queens Road tunnel 'bordering on the obscene' – 81 12 04a

1981 12 07

Thousands of motorists may soon be asked to leave their cars on the outskirts of Cambridge and cycle into the city to solve the parking problem. They would park in west Cambridge or near Stourbridge Common and make their way by hired bikes through the Backs or along the river. The park and cycle scheme is being suggested as an alternative to the park and ride bus scheme by road engineers who are also planning a tunnel under Queens Road. 81 12 07a

1982 04 23

Snooker has gained a new respectability, operating from high-class, exclusive clubs. Now the Dodgers Snooker and Billiard Club has opened in the old historic Newnham Watermill. It has five new tables of the finest Brazilian mahogany and an antique match table which has been restored to its original condition. With each table weighing over a ton, the floors have been reinforced. Members are issued with a computer-controlled access card with video cameras acting as a double check against gate crashers. 82 04 23a

1982 11 04

Newnham is a unique and quite exceptional area of Cambridge, and planners intend to keep it that way. Its 'up-market' aspect is reflected in property prices. A 10-bedroomed house at 5 Cranmer Road recently sold for £145,000 while £38,000 buys a three-bedroomed house in Owlstone Road. Properties in Gough Way fetch about £65,000, Grange Road £59,000 and Hardwick Street £39,500. A

flat at Cherwell Court, Barton Road is £38,000 for a 99-year lease while one in Westberry Court is £60,000 82 11 04

1983 01 27

Lady Nicol of Newnham, the former Cambridge councillor, took her seat in the House of Lords. Lady Nicol, who was the first woman president of the Cambridge Co-op, was sponsored by Lady David, a former Labour Cambridgeshire County Councillor. She does not know when she will make her maiden speech but it will probably be on the environment in which she has a special interest. 83 01 27

1983 02 22

After 40 years baking his own special brand of bread for the residents of Newnham, Basil Sargeant has retired to start a new life in Norfolk as a smallholder. In appreciation, customers presented him with a painting of his shop in Derby Road, the work of Cambridge painter Philip Martin. The new owner, Mike North, will be sticking to Basil's recipe and methods. 83 02 22

1983 05 10

Cambridge University is planning to build a £6 million sports complex in the Grange Road area with a new eight-lane athletics track, swimming pool and sports hall. They have long argued that the Kelsey Kerridge sports hall and Milton Road athletics track are too far away from the centre of undergraduate activities. They hope to sell the Milton Road site for housing. 83 05 10 p5

1983 08 12

Robinson College, which was opened by the Queen in 1981, has won one of the country's top architectural awards from the Royal Institute of British Architects. It says a complex and demanding brief had been met with vigour and imagination and a building produced which may well grow in stature with the passage of time. Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, also praised it as "just perfect – an absolutely lovely college which manages to be original, elegant, beautiful and functional". 83 08 12

1983 08 30

Four major car parks on the outskirts of Cambridge linked to the city centre by a frequent park-and-ride bus service are suggested in a new report aimed a sorting out the city's traffic tangles. They are on fields at Barton Road, a small piece of disused land between the bypass interchange at Histon Road, allotment land near Newmarket Road cemetery and the old Cattle Market site at Cherry Hinton Road. It also proposes extensive residents-only parking schemes with a tightening-up of long-term parking in the city centre. 83 08 30 p1

1983 09 28

Grange Road is being lit up as Cambridge University take delivery of a £20,000 present – a complete set of floodlights. The lights, which are the final stage of a campaign to turn Grange Road into one of the best-equipped rugby grounds in the country, have been given to the Light Blues by a firm of London merchant bankers. 83 09 28 p30

1984 04 25

Harry Stonebridge died, as he wished, 'with his hat on'. He spent most of the last six years at a Cyrenian house in Gonville Place and his 'beat' took him to Newnham where kind-hearted residents gave him tea and toast. He didn't mind working but his penchant for cutting down bushes and trees soon convinced people that it was not a good idea to let him loose in their gardens. If he didn't like somebody he would resort to the same piece of one-upmanship. "Have you been to China", he would ask. And if they said 'no' he would say 'Daft B----'and ignore them. 84 04 25 p17

1984 06 01

Falling numbers of pupils have forced the Shrubbery School to close its doors to senior pupils. However juniors up to 11 years old will still be able to attend the private school which charges £250 a

term. The Shrubbery opened its doors in Hills Road before moving to Barton Road 37 years ago and has been run by Alfred Wainwright and his wife since 1962. 84 06 01 p9

1984 07 06

Computerised control of traffic in Cambridge by means of traffic lights has been in operation along two major routes since March. Chaos has not ensued and the county council's traffic management scheme claims it has knocked several minutes off journey times in peak periods. 'Scoot' operates in Hills Road and Queens Road by marshalling traffic into 'platoons' of vehicles and then pilots them through as many sets of lights as possible. 84 07 06

1984 09 27

A bar 'unique to Cambridge' is the claim made for J. Millars on Newnham Road. It is not a wine bar or a cocktail bar. When the Chinese beer ran out they tracked down an alternative in Brighton. Apart from tsing tsio they have beers from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Holland and claim to offer the widest range of import beers, liquers and spirits outside London. They offer all-day faculties for business conferences and hold wedding receptions. 84 09 27

1984 11 15

Community Magazines carry a wealth of local information. The 'Whither Whittlesford', 'Bar Hill News' and 'Voice of Arbury' publications were prize-winners in the Community News Contest. Now representatives will attend the annual dinner of the East Anglian Association of Industrial Editors at Newnham College to receive their awards. The Arbury team will use the money to buy a Polaroid camera to improve the topicality of their illustrations. 84 11 15 p20

1985 07 18

Lettice Ramsey, a member of the Bloomsbury Group and Cambridge photographer extraordinary, has died at the age of 86. Born in Ireland, she was educated at Newnham College and married Frank Ramsey a brilliant King's philosopher who tragically died three years later. Left with two daughters she studied briefly at Regent Street Polytechnic and set up in business as a photographer in Post Office Terrace with Helen Muspratt. She was instantly successful and rapidly became fashionable, photographing the influential and up-and-coming throughout the 1930s including Anthony Blunt and Virginia Woolf. She retired in 1978 85 07 18

1985 07 31

The History Faculty building on the Sidgwick Avenue site has been saved. After nine months of reports and meetings the university has decided to carry out extensive repairs rather than knock it down and rebuild. Each option would cost about £2million but the repairs could be spread over a number of years. Now work will start on weather-proofing it to stop rain penetrating through the façade and terraces. The building received an architectural award in 1970 and its designer, Mr James Stirling, was awarded a Gold Medal for Architecture in 1980. 85 07 31c

1985 08 03

One hundred years ago 14 women students enrolled in a new pioneering college set up in two houses in Merton Street, Newnham. Its aim was to train women to teach in secondary schools. Over the century that college has changed character and direction several times and under its present name of Hughes Hall it has just been awarded Approved Foundation status within Cambridge University. Despite the financial problems of the present day it is planning new buildings at its site in Wollaston Road. 85 08 03a

1985 08 03

Mrs Hinson of Merton Street has received from a photograph of her husband's grave at Angers, France, together with a translation of the speech delivered over the graves of the English soldiers who lie buried there. They were sent by Major Stoney Archer's wife who enclosed a very kind letter expressing deepest sympathy. The hospital in which he was treated is beautifully equipped and he

received the best of care and nursing. It is such kindly actions which make our British officers beloved by their men and which cements the good feeling between all classes in this country. One hundred years ago 14 women students enrolled in a new pioneering college set up in two houses in Merton Street, Newnham. Its aim was to train women to teach in secondary schools. Over the century that college has changed character and direction several times and under its present name of Hughes Hall it has just been awarded Approved Foundation status within Cambridge University. Despite the financial problems of the present day it is planning new buildings at its site in Wollaston Road. 85 08 03a

1985 08 22

One of Cambridge's least-known grand houses has come on the market. The eight-bedroom mansion stands in more than three-quarters of an acre of ground and is approached by a long drive and carriage sweep. It has a fine entrance hall, large drawing and dining rooms, butler's pantry and a boiler house. It all sounds like the Newnham home of a Victorian worthy. The actual address is 242 Mill Road. The house is the former vicarage of St Philip's Church and there is planning consent for 17 sheltered homes to be built on the site. 85 08 22

1986 07 04

Churchill Service Station on the junction of Histon and Huntingdon Road in Cambridge is to open 24 hours a day. Garages cannot make a profit on discount petrol alone so it has diversified into selling milk, sandwiches and a range of household goods from dog food to washing powder. Newnham Service Station has been a village shop for several years stocking frozen food alongside chamois leathers and polish. But they have to obey Sunday trading laws like everybody else 86 07 04 & a

1986 12 11

David Reed Homes have gained a reputation for exclusive developments. Five-bedroom residences at their flagship house building scheme at Friends Walk Saffron Walden have sold for £160,000. They have constructed developments at Sawston, Park Lane Histon, Waterbeach and Grange Road Cambridge 86 12 11a

1987 02 13

Tributes to Conservative County Council leader Mrs Emily Blatch have been flowing in following the news that she is to become a baroness. Social Security Minister, Mr John Major, said "She was an outstanding leader and will make a very substantial contribution to the work of Parliament" while Sir Anthony Grant MP thinks it's very good news. Mrs Blatch is the fifth woman in Cambridgeshire to be made a baroness. Among her colleagues in the Lords will be Baroness Nicol of Newnham 87 02 13

1987 09 02

Wolfson College are negotiating to buy the large Victorian home of polar explorer Sir Vivian Fuchs which is set in two-and-a-half acres on Barton Road. Sir Vivian, a former director of the British Antarctic Survey plan to move to another house in the same road. The big house takes a lot to keep tidy so they are going somewhere smaller, he says. 87 09 02

1987 11 03

Peppercorns delicatessen and health food business began two years ago with an idea and a sandwich delivery round. Edmund and Christopher Bliss opened a shop in Cherry Hinton but it wasn't large enough, so when the chance came to take on a shop in Mill Road they were eager to do so. Now they have opened another in Grantchester Road. As well as coffee and bread they sell cheese such as Cornish Yarg and English Cheddar which at £1.10p per lb is a popular buy with students. 87 11 03a.

1988 03 28

Residents whose gardens back on to the medieval lake known as Bolton's Pit, off Barton Road, Cambridge opposed plans for a new development. The lake is a haven for wildlife and a designated place of natural history interest. Mallards, moorhens, kingfishers and rare mandarin ducks would be disturbed, they claim. The area is protected by a covenant saying nothing should be done to damage

the rural aspect. But developers say intruders have been taking the duck and by putting a property on the site it would help protect the wildfowl. 88 03 28a

1988 04 29

Alan Bennett came to Cambridge in 1953 as part of his National Service to learn Russian with a view to getting into the Intelligence Service. He was based at Douglas House in Trumpington Road and stayed in digs at Foxton and Newnham Terrace. He remembers many hours doing his work in the city library opposite the Corn Exchange. It left him with an abiding affection for Cambridge though now, he says, it has lost a lot of its simple charm and the traffic problems seem as bad as anywhere. 88 04 29a

1988 06 23

A mere thirty miles separate two Victorian homes but the price difference is a huge £100,000. A three-bedroom town house in Hardwick Street, Newnham with a wood store but no garage, will still cost you around £195,000. But at Hilgay, £90,000 would buy a detached home with four bedrooms, two lavatories, three reception rooms, a garage and outbuildings, and a third of an acre of gardens backing on to the church and open fields. 88 06 23

1988 10 06

Sir Clive Sinclair is moving out of Cambridge, though his business interests will bring him back to the city regularly. One of his companies, Anamartic is based at Milton Hall and another, Cambridge Computers has flats in Bridge Street, where he can stay. His home, The Stone House on Madingley Road, which dates back to 1896, has a white marble hall floor with a central oak staircases leading to eight bedrooms and three bathrooms, and a drawing room more than 30 feet long, is now for sale. 88 10 06

1988 10 29

Sir Clive Sinclair's Stone House, on Madingley Road was built in 1896. If he had chosen a fortress to protect him from prying eyes he could hardly have found a more solid building. The walls are more than a foot thick in solid stone and even the front door is a formidable structure of metal and class. It has a Middle Eastern annexe with a fabulous hand-painted ceiling and a collection of calculators and computers in a large glass cabinet. It is on the market for £750,000 88 10 29a

1988 11 02

A new university sports complex off Madingley Road will cater for every level from general recreation to high-performance athletes. The first phase will include a 10-lane Olympic-standard synthetic athletics track with field events facilities and a pavilion. Later there will be a 34-metre swimming pool with a deep-water full-size international water polo court. A sports hall, rowing, training tank, combat salle, dance studio, squash and fives court and table tennis facilities will follow 88 11 02

1989 01 21

The University's world-renowned Veterinary School may be axed following a report by a Government Working Party. Although the University has until March to respond, there is little prospect of changing their mind. The last intake of students will be in October and the school, which has 300 students, would close when they finish their six-year degree course. No decision has been made on the future use of the Madingley Road site or the Vet's Hospital, which is a leading centre for cancer treatment in animals 89 01 21

1989 03 25

A major developer is slicing £10,000 off the cost of new homes in Milton in a bid to ease the stagnant market. Bovis has brought the price of its smallest three-bedroom detached home at The Sonnets down to £104,500 and similar reductions are reflected throughout the range. The four-bedroomed detached 'Newnham' is now £136,950, 'The Tewkesbury' has been slashed from £122,950 to £113,950 and the three-bed detached Aura-style home comes down to £117,950. Town houses are

selling for £113,950 instead of £122,950. It is hoped buyers in a chain will now reduce the prices of their properties to get sales moving again. 89 03 25.

1989 04 14

Lady Alice Bragg, Cambridge's first woman mayor from 1945-46, read history at Newnham College between 1918 and 1921. In the year she finished she married Sir Laurence Bragg who was already a renowned scientist, having won the Nobel Prize for physics six years previously, aged 25. She served as an independent councillor, magistrate and chairman of the National Marriage Guidance Council in recognition of which she was made a CBE 89 04 14

1989 06 10

The £15 million park-and-ride scheme planned for Cambridge is now officially buried. County Conservatives had promised during the election campaign that the plan would be dropped if they took control and have told officials to stop work on the joint scheme with the city council. And a plan for an interchange where Madingley Road meets the M11 has been delayed. Work was due to start in 1990 but now the M11 is to be widened into a three lane carriageway between Cambridge and Stansted Airport. The council is now looking for alternative road schemes to spend the money on. 89 06 10

1989 08 09

Anne Stamford was 14 when the Great War shattered the peace of her native Cambridge. Her father helped build a hospital in Burrell's Walk; "being a master carpenter, it was the first time he'd had regular work. He was paid a wage and he had his first bike then; every man who was available had to build it", she recalls. Men were billeted – my mother had two but ended up feeding six. The ration man used to take the meat and veg round every day to the houses where the soldiers were. Food became short but when she worked for a family of brewers in Madingley Road she found there were different rules for the rich. Sugar was scarce but they had some that was supposed to go in for the beer. 89 08 09

1990 03 22

Tributes have been paid to maverick banker, scientist and government confidant, Lord Victor Rothschild. The millionaire Labour peer, who lived in Herschel Road joined MI5 in 1940 and was awarded the George Medal for defusing German bombs at a time when he was Winston Churchill's official taster. He was described as 'one of the world's greatest experts in counter espionage' but was later alleged to be the 'fifth man' in a group of agents recruited by Russia in 1930s Cambridge 90 03 22b

1990 03 28

Cambridge's most luxurious flat is one of three penthouses in a new block called The Oast House at Pinehurst South off Grange Road. It has three bedrooms with a spiral staircase leading to a striking room like a Kentish oasthouse with a 25-foot ceiling and glass doors on to a roof garden. It will have all the luxury fittings expected including a video surveillance system. The Cambridge-based developer Nigel Grimshaw says "Nothing approaching it has ever been offered in Cambridge". The developers have produced a 52-page book listing its attributes 90 03 28a, b

1990 04 02

Pinehurst South, Oast House & Redwood Lodge feature – 90 04 02b

1990 05 12

Pinehurst South development sells well – 90 05 12b

1990 05 24

International standard University sports complex planned for west Cambridge – 90 05 24a

1990 06 30

Sir Clive Sinclair's Cambridge Computer firm is moving to Scotland; meteoric rise and fall; started Sinclair Radionics in 1962, moving to Cambridge in 1967; produced digital watch and calculator, tv and computers. Won Queen's Award in 1975 and knighted 1983. But C5 flopped, marriage broke up and sold his house on Madingley Road in 1989 – 90 06 30a